



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: December 1, 2011-2014

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2011 Crop	2012 Crop	2013 Crop	2014 Crop
	December 1, 2011	December 1, 2012	December 1, 2013	December 1, 2014
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	461,500	466,600	369,050	466,700
Arizona	275,400	261,000	214,250	220,300
Arkansas	1,142,200	1,226,700	684,900	748,400
California	580,500	680,350	596,900	462,150
Florida	100,300	76,100	72,150	94,400
Georgia	1,603,300	1,501,750	1,192,100	1,531,050
Kansas	30,600	36,750	11,250	(D)
Louisiana	513,600	474,850	318,300	395,250
Mississippi	1,069,350	872,200	627,550	861,100
Missouri	670,300	714,200	409,750	503,550
New Mexico	32,900	29,500	22,500	(D)
North Carolina	887,650	789,550	550,400	746,700
Oklahoma	28,800	80,100	55,000	95,250
South Carolina	262,350	225,700	146,350	272,100
Tennessee	790,750	718,750	345,950	475,800
Texas	3,098,450	4,000,750	2,559,950	3,227,000
Virginia	120,150	107,650	83,300	119,000
United States	11,668,100	12,262,500	8,259,650	10,248,250
American Pima				
Arizona	4,650	3,850	(D)	10,300
California	288,700	363,900	369,050	317,550
New Mexico	(D)	2,850	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	8,500	4,600	(D)
United States	312,100	379,100	380,000	339,650

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedure: The cotton ginnings survey is an enumeration of all active gins and every effort is made to obtain a report from all ginners. Data are collected on the first and fifteenth of each month (September – January and February 1) for all estimating States while data collection begins with an August 1 survey in Texas. A final survey is conducted after gins finish ginning for the season. Ginners are asked to report the number of Upland and American Pima bales ginned prior to the data collection date. Data are collected by telephone, fax, and internet. If a completed report is not received from an active gin, the bales ginned are estimated using administrative data or imputed using current survey data for neighboring gins and the previously reported data for the imputed gin.

Estimating Procedures: Information obtained from the cotton ginnings survey is used to establish estimates of Upland and American Pima bales ginned to date. These estimates are reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates.

Revision Policy: Cotton ginnings estimates are subject to revision in the annual report released in May and are based on a thorough review of all available data.

Reliability: Cotton ginnings estimates are based on a census of all known ginners and therefore, have no sampling variability. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omissions, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing of the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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