



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: January 1, 2012-2015

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2011 Crop	2012 Crop	2013 Crop	2014 Crop
	January 1, 2012	January 1, 2013	January 1, 2014	January 1, 2015
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	635,600	660,850	520,550	623,650
Arizona	440,950	410,450	348,050	348,750
Arkansas	1,197,500	1,244,650	699,150	799,750
California	973,100	1,011,050	798,950	679,200
Florida	128,850	111,000	113,300	129,650
Georgia	2,244,450	2,326,200	2,003,100	2,317,700
Kansas	54,400	57,550	32,050	(D)
Louisiana	513,600	475,350	321,350	402,800
Mississippi	1,136,200	907,300	666,550	955,450
Missouri	761,000	744,800	504,450	577,900
New Mexico	54,500	43,150	38,200	(D)
North Carolina	1,017,400	1,133,900	764,050	1,001,700
Oklahoma	47,900	106,800	97,650	175,650
South Carolina	389,800	385,250	271,900	417,350
Tennessee	809,950	731,350	415,000	495,850
Texas	3,406,700	4,810,350	3,681,900	5,070,150
Virginia	137,400	166,900	125,750	180,550
United States	13,949,300	15,326,900	11,401,950	14,248,650
American Pima				
Arizona	10,300	7,250	(D)	22,900
California	515,500	567,350	501,050	445,800
New Mexico	(D)	5,100	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	11,550	11,700	(D)
United States	557,900	591,250	521,800	497,450

(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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