



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: January 1, 2013-2016

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2012 Crop	2013 Crop	2014 Crop	2015 Crop
	January 1, 2013	January 1, 2014	January 1, 2015	January 1, 2016
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Upland				
Alabama	660,850	520,550	623,650	514,850
Arizona	403,200	(D)	325,850	211,050
Arkansas	1,244,650	699,150	799,700	481,400
California	443,700	297,900	199,950	162,050
Florida	111,000	113,300	129,650	107,500
Georgia	2,326,200	2,003,100	2,317,650	1,994,950
Kansas	57,550	32,050	(D)	18,900
Louisiana	475,350	321,350	402,800	192,200
Mississippi	907,300	666,550	955,400	613,400
Missouri	744,800	504,450	577,900	405,400
New Mexico	38,050	(D)	(D)	18,300
North Carolina	1,133,900	764,050	1,001,650	520,100
Oklahoma	106,800	97,650	175,650	223,400
South Carolina	385,250	271,900	417,350	126,700
Tennessee	731,350	415,000	494,500	300,200
Texas	4,798,800	3,670,200	(D)	4,697,200
Virginia	166,900	125,750	180,550	131,000
United States	14,735,650	10,880,150	13,716,200	10,718,600
American Pima				
Arizona	7,250	(D)	22,900	27,800
California	567,350	501,050	445,800	316,900
New Mexico	5,100	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	11,550	11,700	(D)	(D)
United States	591,250	521,800	497,450	375,600
All				
Alabama	660,850	520,550	623,650	514,850
Arizona	410,450	348,050	348,750	238,850
Arkansas	1,244,650	699,150	799,700	481,400
California	1,011,050	798,950	645,750	478,950
Florida	111,000	113,300	129,650	107,500
Georgia	2,326,200	2,003,100	2,317,650	1,994,950
Kansas	57,550	32,050	(D)	18,900
Louisiana	475,350	321,350	402,800	192,200
Mississippi	907,300	666,550	955,400	613,400
Missouri	744,800	504,450	577,900	405,400
New Mexico	43,150	38,200	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,133,900	764,050	1,001,650	520,100
Oklahoma	106,800	97,650	175,650	223,400
South Carolina	385,250	271,900	417,350	126,700
Tennessee	731,350	415,000	494,500	300,200
Texas	4,810,350	3,681,900	5,070,150	(D)
Virginia	166,900	125,750	180,550	131,000
United States	15,326,900	11,401,950	14,213,650	11,094,200

(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, February 1, and March 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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