



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: November 1, 2010-2013

[Excluding linters. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2010 Crop	2011 Crop	2012 Crop	2013 Crop
	November 1, 2010	November 1, 2011	November 1, 2012	November 1, 2013
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	284,500	221,200	181,400	114,550
Arizona	94,850	109,100	101,950	75,300
Arkansas	987,050	690,550	921,400	325,000
California	88,050	161,400	246,450	237,100
Florida	55,250	39,200	20,500	17,800
Georgia	806,650	684,750	564,650	325,700
Kansas	(NA)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Louisiana	406,100	485,150	408,250	264,650
Mississippi	754,400	679,350	575,050	314,500
Missouri	560,000	361,600	468,300	106,150
New Mexico	5,200	8,200	5,450	(¹)
North Carolina	499,650	445,000	246,450	135,650
Oklahoma	90,900	5,550	22,450	15,050
South Carolina	128,900	112,250	61,600	26,850
Tennessee	592,750	471,100	478,600	69,700
Texas	2,532,150	1,908,150	1,973,700	1,002,650
Virginia	60,100	57,850	31,050	9,600
United States	7,946,500	6,440,400	6,307,250	3,041,800
American Pima				
Arizona	-	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
California	33,050	68,900	126,100	130,550
New Mexico	1,000	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Texas	1,350	(¹)	(¹)	-
United States	35,400	71,350	126,500	130,850

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual gins.

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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