



# Cotton Ginnings

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## Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: December 1, 2016-2019

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2016 Crop	2017 Crop	2018 Crop	2019 Crop
	December 1, 2016	December 1, 2017	December 1, 2018	December 1, 2019
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
<b>Upland</b>				
Alabama .....	504,900	433,750	487,200	679,750
Arizona .....	172,950	158,250	107,450	(D)
Arkansas .....	821,600	891,300	996,950	1,060,900
California .....	135,750	127,050	86,950	90,150
Florida .....	94,900	64,300	41,800	97,400
Georgia .....	1,533,200	1,336,450	1,056,600	1,758,300
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	17,550	43,850
Louisiana .....	264,850	368,700	357,100	460,700
Mississippi .....	896,450	999,250	1,050,600	1,136,700
Missouri .....	546,200	546,950	624,700	551,650
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	12,900	(D)
North Carolina .....	307,000	521,800	530,050	780,650
Oklahoma .....	187,050	173,700	135,900	205,950
South Carolina .....	163,150	236,250	208,800	283,200
Tennessee .....	529,400	591,850	668,750	716,300
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	3,431,750	4,502,250
Virginia .....	80,500	107,350	126,200	148,450
United States .....	9,997,250	10,984,900	9,941,250	12,652,050
<b>American Pima</b>				
Arizona .....	7,500	10,550	11,450	(D)
California .....	272,600	277,200	298,900	259,850
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	5,000	(D)
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	8,350	9,850
United States .....	298,750	301,900	323,700	277,600
<b>All</b>				
Alabama .....	504,900	433,750	487,200	679,750
Arizona .....	180,450	168,800	118,900	(D)
Arkansas .....	821,600	891,300	996,950	1,060,900
California .....	408,350	404,250	385,850	350,000
Florida .....	94,900	64,300	41,800	97,400
Georgia .....	1,533,200	1,336,450	1,056,600	1,758,300
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	17,550	43,850
Louisiana .....	264,850	368,700	357,100	460,700
Mississippi .....	896,450	999,250	1,050,600	1,136,700
Missouri .....	546,200	546,950	624,700	551,650
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	17,900	(D)
North Carolina .....	307,000	521,800	530,050	780,650
Oklahoma .....	187,050	173,700	135,900	205,950
South Carolina .....	163,150	236,250	208,800	283,200
Tennessee .....	529,400	591,850	668,750	716,300
Texas .....	3,735,050	4,394,450	3,440,100	4,512,100
Virginia .....	80,500	107,350	126,200	148,450
United States .....	10,296,000	11,286,800	10,264,950	12,929,650

(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, 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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