



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: December 1, 2018-2021

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2018 Crop	2019 Crop	2020 Crop	2021 Crop
	December 1, 2018	December 1, 2019	December 1, 2020	December 1, 2021
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Upland				
Alabama	487,200	679,750	452,800	353,400
Arizona	107,450	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	996,950	1,060,900	1,045,400	943,650
California	86,950	90,150	68,500	54,750
Florida	41,800	97,400	48,400	41,900
Georgia	1,056,600	1,758,300	1,008,750	983,400
Kansas	17,550	43,850	52,950	43,500
Louisiana	357,100	460,700	310,700	204,350
Mississippi	1,050,600	1,136,700	1,003,150	732,400
Missouri	624,700	551,650	425,000	481,200
New Mexico	12,900	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	530,050	778,350	279,600	545,400
Oklahoma	135,900	205,950	199,750	216,850
South Carolina	208,800	283,200	112,600	165,500
Tennessee	668,750	713,300	492,350	427,250
Texas	3,431,750	4,502,250	3,660,050	4,222,150
Virginia	126,200	148,450	46,850	115,100
United States	9,941,250	12,646,750	9,361,400	9,646,700
American Pima				
Arizona	11,450	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	298,900	259,850	188,000	154,350
New Mexico	5,000	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	8,350	9,850	15,200	6,750
United States	323,700	277,600	213,900	173,650
All				
Alabama	487,200	679,750	452,800	353,400
Arizona	118,900	(D)	142,550	108,550
Arkansas	996,950	1,060,900	1,045,400	943,650
California	385,850	350,000	256,500	209,100
Florida	41,800	97,400	48,400	41,900
Georgia	1,056,600	1,758,300	1,008,750	983,400
Kansas	17,550	43,850	52,950	43,500
Louisiana	357,100	460,700	310,700	204,350
Mississippi	1,050,600	1,136,700	1,003,150	732,400
Missouri	624,700	551,650	425,000	481,200
New Mexico	17,900	(D)	22,700	19,900
North Carolina	530,050	778,350	279,600	545,400
Oklahoma	135,900	205,950	199,750	216,850
South Carolina	208,800	283,200	112,600	165,500
Tennessee	668,750	713,300	492,350	427,250
Texas	3,440,100	4,512,100	3,675,250	4,228,900
Virginia	126,200	148,450	46,850	115,100
United States	10,264,950	12,924,350	9,575,300	9,820,350

(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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