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Tennessee Cotton MYA Down 29 Percent

The market year average price of Tennessee cotton for the 2004 crop year was 40.5 cents per pound, down 16.5 cents from 2003 and the lowest price since 2001.

Marketing year data showed Tennessee sales most active just after the first of the year with over 50 percent of the crop marketed during January, February, and March.

Cottonseed market year average price in Tennessee for 2004 was \$99.50 per ton, down 23 percent from 2003. A total of 336,000 tons of cottonseed were produced last year with a value of production at \$33.4 million.

**Cottonseed: Marketing Year
Average Price, by State and U.S., 2003 and 2004**

State	2003	2004
Dollars Per Ton		
AL	98.50	91.00
AR	110.00	99.50
GA	95.50	85.00
MS	100.00	93.50
NC	108.00	96.00
TN	130.00	99.50
US	117.00	107.00

**Cotton, Upland: 2004 Marketing Year Average Price, Prices Received by Month,
State, and U.S., August 2004-July 2005**

State	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan ¹	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	MYA
Dollars Per Pound													
AL	.508	²	²	.463	.416	.372	²	.371	.373	.374	²	.376	.406
AR	.489	²	.458	.422	.422	.389	.400	.420	.389	.376	.376	.376	.411
GA	.509	.596	.526	.448	.422	.401	.388	.389	.383	.374	.374	.389	.428
MS	.500	²	.476	.463	.417	.372	.385	.371	.373	.374	.374	.376	.410
NC	.594	²	²	.397	.386	.397	.399	.371	.373	3.74	3.74	.403	.437
TN	.477	²	.444	.430	.410	.370	.397	.413	.373	.374	3.74	.382	.405
US	.486	.506	.506	.432	.393	.385	.383	.403	.414	.396	.419	.411	.416

¹ Second year. ² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

**Upland Cotton Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales by Month, State, and U.S., August 2004-July 2005,
U.S. Bales Purchased by Month, 2004-2005¹**

State	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Total
Percent													
AL	8.8	2.4	3.5	3.1	8.7	34.0	12.1	11.5	9.2	2.4	2.1	2.2	
AR	9.0	0.0	1.4	4.5	21.0	25.8	10.8	12.9	5.2	3.4	3.0	3.0	
GA	9.3	1.6	7.9	10.1	16.9	29.6	5.7	5.9	4.2	3.1	2.7	3.0	
MS	12.1	2.6	3.3	6.8	9.6	24.1	9.7	9.0	7.2	5.6	5.0	5.1	
NC	2.9	7.4	30.3	30.0	18.1	6.9	2.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	
TN	14.8	0.0	2.8	3.5	7.7	19.8	16.7	14.7	6.2	4.8	4.2	4.7	
US	7.3	4.1	6.6	8.8	14.3	23.1	11.6	8.5	5.8	3.5	3.7	2.6	
Marketings, (000) Bales ²													
US	1,167	657	1,051	1,410	2,292	3,698	1,847	1,354	935	559	592	418	15,979

¹ Percent reflects estimates of actual marketings used for calculating marketing year average. Percentages may not add to 100 percent due to rounding. ² Survey expansions.

Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to October 15, Crop Years 2002-2005

State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2002	2003	2004	2005
All Cotton				
AL	112,650	118,500	170,250	140,850
AZ	109,150	74,300	102,800	54,150
AR	348,100	384,100	503,150	811,200
CA	157,950	35,450	267,750	27,300
FL ¹		12,950	11,000	
GA	248,300	228,050	293,850	172,800
LA	266,650	514,300	321,650	585,150
MS	573,900	872,700	832,650	868,400
MO	126,300	89,300	186,000	245,350
NM ¹		1,000	400	
NC	116,850	19,950	244,200	127,600
OK	30,450	13,950	21,550	8,300
SC	18,350	14,200	71,800	21,650
TN	170,950	145,050	229,550	277,950
TX	1,217,550	1,295,050	1,512,350	1,212,000
VA	12,650		19,450	14,850
US	3,519,550	3,818,850	4,788,400	4,573,300

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

U.S. Prices Received: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 110, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 7 points (6.0 percent) from September. The Crop Index is down 11 points (9.8 percent) while the Livestock Index is unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for broilers, corn, eggs, and soybeans. Higher prices were received for cattle, sweet corn, wheat, and turkeys. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Decreased average marketings of dairy, sweet corn, grapes, and wheat offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 4 points (3.5 percent) from October 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, decreased 6 points (5.0 percent) from last month and 3 points (2.5 percent) from October 2004.

Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee & U.S., October 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		October 2004	September ¹ 2005	October ² 2005	October 2004	September ¹ 2005	October ² 2005
Dollars Per Unit							
Field Crops							
Winter Wheat	bu.	⁴	3.08	n/a	3.34	3.28	3.42
Corn	bu.	2.24	1.83	1.75	2.14	1.90	1.74
Cotton Lint	lb.	.444	.494	.490 ³	.506	.443	.469 ³
Soybeans	bu.	5.48	5.72	5.30	5.56	5.77	5.44
Livestock							
All beef cattle	cwt.	79.20	83.00	81.20	86.50	88.20	90.80
Steers/heifers	cwt.	100.00	107.00	106.00	91.10	92.30	96.00
Cows	cwt.	48.00	47.00	44.00	49.80	49.80	47.70
Calves	cwt.	113.00	119.00	116.00	126.00	133.00	132.00

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Based on purchases first half of month. ⁴ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms. n/a – not available.

TDA Offers Water Quality Grants to Local Groups

Nashville, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Agriculture’s Nonpoint Source Program (TDA-NPS) is seeking to partner with other agencies and organizations to fund projects that improve water quality and reduce or eliminate nonpoint source pollution. The purpose of the Nonpoint Source Program is to make a real difference in the quality of our water resources by reducing sediment, nutrients and other runoff,” said State Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens. “This is a great opportunity for local governments and agencies to partner with the department in addressing water quality problems and to improve water stewardship in their area.”

Local governments, regional agencies, public institutions, private nonprofit organizations, and other state agencies are eligible to apply for federal dollars administered by TDA-NPS. Priority is given to projects that seek to make measurable improvements to waters impaired by nonpoint source pollution. The deadline for submitting grant proposals is Dec. 1. Proposals will be evaluated based on program goals and objectives, performance evaluation criteria and applicable EPA Nonpoint Source grant guidelines. The FY 2006 Request for Proposals can be found online at <http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/nps>, or for more information call TDA’s Nonpoint Pollution Program at (615) 837-5495, or email Non.Point@state.tn.us.

TDA Offers Master Beef Producer Scholarships

Nashville, Tenn. – State Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens announced that the Tennessee Department of Agriculture is offering scholarships for Tennessee beef producers for half the cost of participating in the University of Tennessee Extension’s Master Beef Producer Program. “Farmers are our greatest asset in moving agriculture forward in this state. The Master Beef Producer Program is a great way for producers to expand their knowledge of cattle management and to increase their profitability,” said Givens. “I encourage farmers to take advantage of this great educational resource.”

The Master Beef Producer Program is an educational program designed to help Tennessee cow-calf producers improve their management skills and profitability, and to ultimately help raise industry competitiveness with other states. The 12-session course, led by a team of UT Extension specialists, covers such topics as business planning, marketing, genetics, feeding and forage, health management and cattle reproduction.

The total cost of the program is \$100, of which the Tennessee Department of Agriculture will pay \$50 to defray the cost to participants. The program is open to any Tennessee cow-calf producer who is interested in improving his or her knowledge of beef production and marketing. To sign up or for more information on the Master Beef Producer Program, contact your local UT Extension agent for agriculture. For more information about the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program or other services of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, call (615) 837-5160 or visit www.picktnproducts.org.

Final Monthly Cash Receipts, Tennessee, 1999-2004, All Commodities

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	Thousand Dollars					
January	200,914	187,143	225,200	195,497	196,357	233,185
February	132,925	120,971	164,795	124,589	176,578	158,271
March	138,025	127,908	150,744	139,980	194,503	191,234
April	128,711	114,810	153,948	133,067	160,460	167,856
May	127,880	119,916	142,224	132,044	141,457	163,864
June	129,793	119,299	174,522	169,010	157,071	156,701
July	119,565	109,364	153,726	143,948	136,906	162,492
August	146,895	148,372	159,229	184,476	183,365	229,029
September	169,227	185,413	215,252	222,192	250,634	251,497
October	213,799	260,201	233,912	189,045	307,132	296,493
November	173,558	216,624	238,839	224,817	338,666	322,786
December	270,487	215,614	194,307	189,180	257,118	228,575
Total	1,951,719	1,925,635	2,206,668	2,047,845	2,500,247	2,561,983

Source: Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, September 2005.

Agricultural Exports

USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) publishes estimates of U.S. agricultural export contributions by states on a fiscal year basis (October 1-September 30). These estimates are prepared by major commodity groups and usually are based on the assumption that, for each commodity, a state contributes the same export share as its share of production. However, where obvious distortions exist, this procedure is amended. To keep data manageable, ERS limits exports only to states that collectively account for 90 percent of a given commodity's output. They also assume that a state would export only if it had an apparent surplus. They further assume that, although this method could eliminate some exporting states, it is more likely that large exporters would be sufficiently credited. Thus, for Tennessee, ERS no longer publishes estimates for nuts, rice, peanuts, or sunflowers, and no allowance is made for them in the "other" category.

Agricultural Exports: Tennessee and United States, 2003-2004

Commodity	Tennessee		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Million Dollars			
Soybeans & Products	104.2	173.2	8,269.8	9,034.7
Tobacco, Unmanufactured	78.5	73.5	1,001.2	1,049.5
Cotton & Linters	135.4	219.3	2,853.7	4,536.5
Cottonseed & Products	4.8	5.1	102.7	108.2
Wheat & Products	81.8	82.9	5,312.4	6,621.5
Feed Grains & Products	46.4	64.0	6,684.3	8,104.4
Live Animals & Meat, Excluding Poultry	40.3	41.4	6,475.6	4,420.3
Fats, Oils, & Greases	0.7	1.2	539.4	574.2
Poultry & Products	30.2	39.7	2,103.7	2,512.6
Hides & Skins	0.8	0.9	1,785.4	1,766.8
Vegetables & Preparations	8.0	8.8	4,669.3	5,187.6
Dairy Products	7.3	8.9	1,030.2	1,321.2
Fruits & Preparations ¹	0.3	0.3	3,549.5	3,807.8
Feeds & Fodders	31.7	32.5	1,998.6	2,027.8
Seeds	7.8	15.7	802.9	1,005.1
Other ²	83.5	93.7	9,030.4	10,218.9
All Commodities ³	661.8	861.0	56,208.9	62,297.3

¹ Apples, apple juice and apple products, as well as other miscellaneous fruits assumed to equal the previous year; current year production data has not yet been released. ² Includes sugar and tropical products, minor oilseeds, essential oils, beverages other than juice, nursery and greenhouse, wine and miscellaneous vegetable products. ³ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: *Foreign Agricultural Trade of the U.S.*, ERS, USDA, July 2005.