



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: January 1, 2015-2018

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2014 Crop	2015 Crop	2016 Crop	2017 Crop
	January 1, 2015	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2018
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Upland				
Alabama	623,650	514,850	653,500	650,100
Arizona	325,850	210,550	275,300	268,850
Arkansas	799,700	481,300	858,950	1,102,500
California	199,950	162,050	214,900	188,150
Florida	129,650	107,500	140,900	108,400
Georgia	2,317,650	1,994,950	2,068,700	1,990,200
Kansas	(D)	18,900	45,100	(D)
Louisiana	402,800	192,200	266,100	407,850
Mississippi	955,400	613,350	982,450	1,230,250
Missouri	577,900	405,400	565,800	679,400
New Mexico	(D)	18,300	26,300	(D)
North Carolina	1,001,650	520,100	351,850	722,300
Oklahoma	175,650	223,400	314,050	329,800
South Carolina	417,350	126,700	206,450	369,900
Tennessee	494,500	300,200	565,500	718,500
Texas	(D)	4,697,200	5,799,550	(D)
Virginia	180,550	131,000	91,450	165,050
United States	13,716,200	10,717,950	13,426,850	15,653,150
American Pima				
Arizona	22,900	25,800	14,050	20,500
California	445,800	316,900	385,100	450,400
New Mexico	(D)	13,850	11,550	(D)
Texas	(D)	17,050	20,500	(D)
United States	497,450	373,600	431,200	500,000
All				
Alabama	623,650	514,850	653,500	650,100
Arizona	348,750	236,350	289,350	289,350
Arkansas	799,700	481,300	858,950	1,102,500
California	645,750	478,950	600,000	638,550
Florida	129,650	107,500	140,900	108,400
Georgia	2,317,650	1,994,950	2,068,700	1,990,200
Kansas	(D)	18,900	45,100	(D)
Louisiana	402,800	192,200	266,100	407,850
Mississippi	955,400	613,350	982,450	1,230,250
Missouri	577,900	405,400	565,800	679,400
New Mexico	(D)	32,150	37,850	(D)
North Carolina	1,001,650	520,100	351,850	722,300
Oklahoma	175,650	223,400	314,050	329,800
South Carolina	417,350	126,700	206,450	369,900
Tennessee	494,500	300,200	565,500	718,500
Texas	5,070,150	4,714,250	5,820,050	6,647,750
Virginia	180,550	131,000	91,450	165,050
United States	14,213,650	11,091,550	13,858,050	16,153,150

(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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