



Cotton Ginnings

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

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2015 Crop	2016 Crop	2017 Crop	2018 Crop
	October 1, 2015	October 1, 2016	October 1, 2017	October 1, 2018
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Upland				
Alabama	8,950	20,400	(D)	6,150
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	8,550	62,300	(D)	51,250
California	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	-	-	(D)
Georgia	26,050	43,650	6,200	4,400
Kansas	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	44,900	28,500	32,700	48,400
Mississippi	28,650	52,150	22,100	59,000
Missouri	(D)	7,000	(D)	34,950
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	5,700	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	-	-	-	(D)
South Carolina	2,200	(D)	1,950	(D)
Tennessee	(D)	13,950	(D)	27,350
Texas	494,900	919,350	1,151,350	1,036,850
Virginia	(D)	-	-	-
United States	(D)	(D)	1,249,300	1,287,350
American Pima				
Arizona	-	(D)	-	-
California	(D)	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Texas	-	-	-	-
United States	(D)	(D)	-	-
All				
Alabama	8,950	20,400	(D)	6,150
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	8,550	62,300	(D)	51,250
California	(D)	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	-	-	(D)
Georgia	26,050	43,650	6,200	4,400
Kansas	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	44,900	28,500	32,700	48,400
Mississippi	28,650	52,150	22,100	59,000
Missouri	(D)	7,000	(D)	34,950
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	5,700	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	-	-	-	(D)
South Carolina	2,200	(D)	1,950	(D)
Tennessee	(D)	13,950	(D)	27,350
Texas	494,900	919,350	1,151,350	1,036,850
Virginia	(D)	-	-	-
United States	634,500	1,166,700	1,249,300	1,287,350

- Represents zero.

(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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