



# Cotton Ginnings

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

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2015 Crop	2016 Crop	2017 Crop	2018 Crop
	November 1, 2015	November 1, 2016	November 1, 2017	November 1, 2018
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
<b>Upland</b>				
Alabama .....	171,700	246,050	143,200	230,950
Arizona .....	49,800	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas .....	279,500	513,350	404,150	572,750
California .....	50,300	60,500	53,850	36,000
Florida .....	26,950	27,250	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	441,550	595,450	468,650	396,500
Kansas .....	-	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	176,900	221,650	232,500	232,050
Mississippi .....	376,750	505,800	470,700	563,750
Missouri .....	202,250	315,550	250,200	354,200
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	185,400	91,850	174,850	202,250
Oklahoma .....	35,000	64,500	44,250	23,300
South Carolina .....	29,000	55,600	90,600	74,850
Tennessee .....	159,600	304,350	250,900	360,900
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,634,250
Virginia .....	52,400	13,800	34,300	51,050
United States .....	3,622,250	4,931,050	4,824,800	4,776,350
<b>American Pima</b>				
Arizona .....	3,500	(D)	(D)	(D)
California .....	76,500	80,900	85,950	96,550
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States .....	81,450	84,600	89,750	100,450
<b>All</b>				
Alabama .....	171,700	246,050	143,200	230,950
Arizona .....	53,300	73,850	58,500	(D)
Arkansas .....	279,500	513,350	404,150	572,750
California .....	126,800	141,400	139,800	132,550
Florida .....	26,950	27,250	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	441,550	595,450	468,650	396,500
Kansas .....	-	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	176,900	221,650	232,500	232,050
Mississippi .....	376,750	505,800	470,700	563,750
Missouri .....	202,250	315,550	250,200	354,200
New Mexico .....	1,500	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	185,400	91,850	174,850	202,250
Oklahoma .....	35,000	64,500	44,250	23,300
South Carolina .....	29,000	55,600	90,600	74,850
Tennessee .....	159,600	304,350	250,900	360,900
Texas .....	1,385,100	1,839,750	2,132,700	1,635,250
Virginia .....	52,400	13,800	34,300	51,050
United States .....	3,703,700	5,015,650	4,914,550	4,876,800

- 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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