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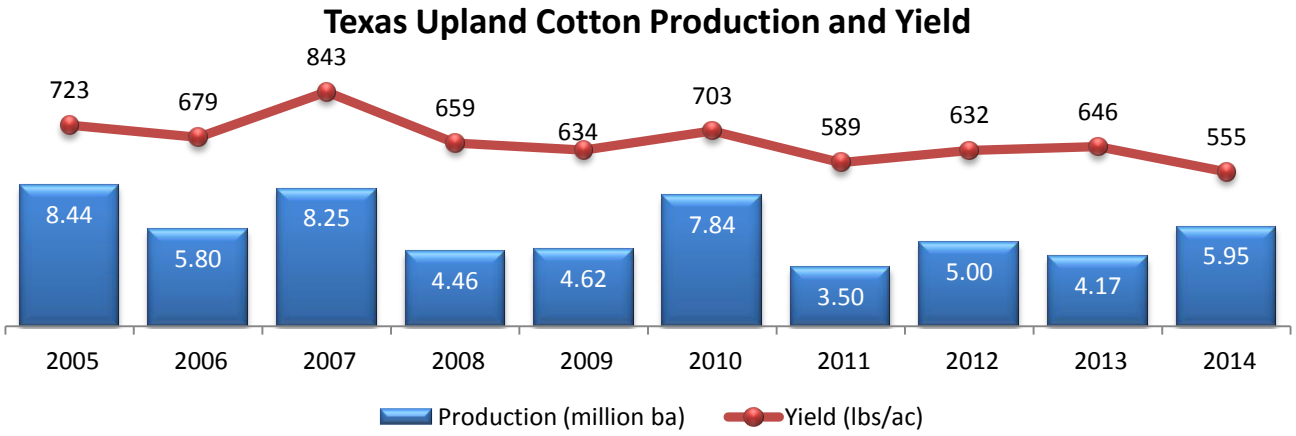
This report contains the results from the December 2014 Objective Yield Surveys and Cotton Ginners report. Our thanks to all cotton producers who permitted objective measurements to be taken in their fields and cotton ginners who responded to the survey.

The 2014 Texas **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 5.95 million bales, 43 percent higher than 2013. Yield is expected to average 555 pounds per acre, compared with 646 pounds last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 5.15 million acres, up 66 percent from 2013.

Production on the **Southern High Plains** is estimated to total 2.6 million bales, up 52 percent from last year's production. Average yield, at 490 pounds per acre, is 149 pounds lower than a year ago. Acreage expected for harvest in the Southern High Plains is at 2.5 million acres, up 1,255,000.0 acres from last year.

The **Northern High Plain's** production, estimated at 840,000 bales, is 11 percent higher than last year. Average yield, at 714 pounds per acre, is down 183 pounds from a year ago. Acreage expected for harvest in the Northern High Plains is at 565,000 acres, up 161,000 acres from 2013. In the **Low Plains**, production is at 756,000 bales, 8 percent below last year. Average yield at 382 pounds per acre, is down 76 pounds from a year ago. The Low Plains expects to harvest 950,000 acres, up 86,300 acres from 2013.



U.S. Highlights: United States **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 15.3 million 480-pound bales, up 25 percent from 2013. Upland cotton harvested area is expected to total 9.69 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 32 percent from 2013.

For additional information, the national Crop Production report can be viewed in full at the following link: http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1046.

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Texas District Estimates, 2013 and Preliminary 2014 [1]

Upland Cotton	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 acres	*1,000 acres*	*1,000 acres*	*1,000 acres*	*Pounds*	*Pounds*	*1,000 bales*	*1,000 bales*
11	705.5	810.0	404.0	565.0	897.0	714.0	755.1	840.0
12	3,045.0	3,070.0	1,270.0	2,525.0	639.0	490.0	1,690.6	2,576.0
21	449.5	460.0	352.1	380.0	542.0	457.0	397.8	362.0
22	605.2	655.0	511.6	570.0	398.0	332.0	424.6	394.0
40	77.6	120.0	76.1	110.0	785.0	790.0	124.4	181.0
52	22.3	(D)	21.3	(D)	944.0	(D)	41.9	(D)
60	18.8	(D)	16.3	(D)	1,296.0	(D)	44.0	(D)
70	188.5	235.0	154.2	210.0	539.0	510.0	173.3	223.0
81	51.2	65.0	43.8	60.0	915.0	920.0	83.5	115.0
82	327.5	310.0	50.6	295.0	680.0	643.0	71.7	395.0
90	134.4	200.0	131.8	185.0	847.0	973.0	232.7	375.0
96	53.7	(D)	10.1	(D)	1,117.0	(D)	23.5	(D)
97	92.0	145.0	37.8	135.0	997.0	1,031.0	78.5	290.0
Other Districts	28.8	130.0	20.3	115.0	672.0	831.0	28.4	199.0
State	5,800.0	6,200.0	3,100.0	5,150.0	646.0	555.0	4,170.0	5,950.0

(D) Combined under *Other Districts*. Not published to prevent disclosure.
[1] Preliminary, December 2014

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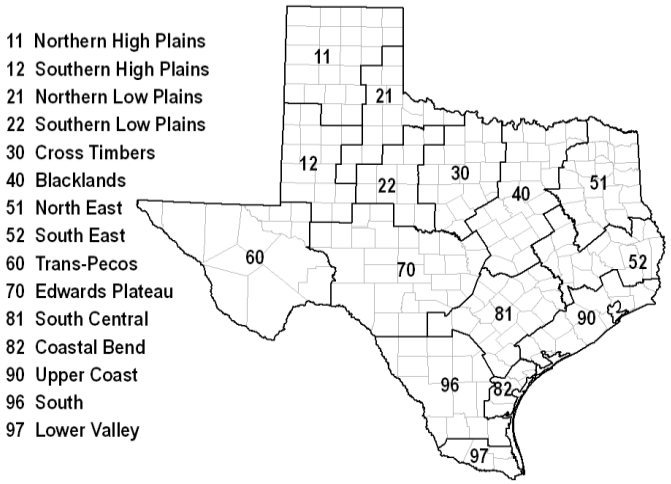

Cotton survey procedures: Objective yield surveys were conducted between November 24 and December 1 to gather information on expected yields as of December 1. The objective yield survey for cotton was conducted in producing States that usually account for approximately 75 percent of the United States production. At crop maturity, the fruit is harvested and weighed. After the farm operator has harvested the sample field, another plot is sampled to obtain current year harvesting loss.

Cotton estimating procedures: National and State level objective yield estimates for cotton were reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates. For cotton, reports from cotton ginners in each State were also considered. Each cotton State Field Office submits its analysis of the current situation to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB). The ASB uses the survey data and the State analyses to prepare the published December 1 forecast.

Revision policy: The December 1 production forecasts will not be revised. For cotton, a new estimate will be made in January followed by end-of-season revisions in May. Administrative records are reviewed and revisions are made, if data relationships warrant changes. Harvested acres may be revised any time a production forecast is made, if there is strong evidence that the intended harvested area has changed since the last estimate.