



December Crop Production

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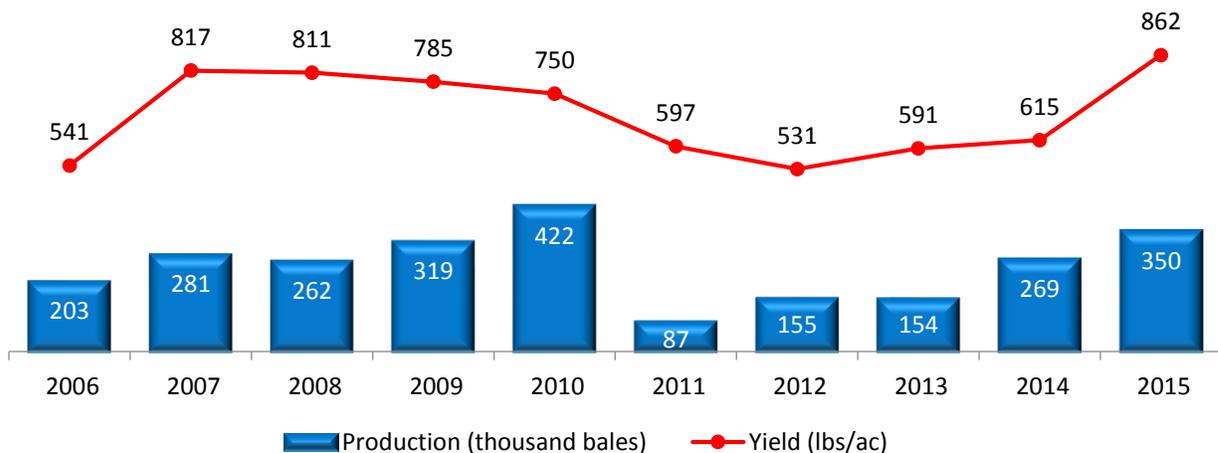
This report contains the results from the December 2015 Objective Yield Survey and Cotton Ginners report. For Texas cotton, actual counts of plants and boll weights are collected from small plots set up in producer fields and are used in conjunction with the results of the Ginner's survey to forecast yield and production of Texas cotton.

Data provided by Oklahoma and Texas operators are the foundation of the estimates made for the Southern Plains region. The Southern Plains Regional Field Office would like to thank all Gins that responded to the survey and those farmers who permitted Cotton Objective Yield measurements to be taken from their fields.

UPLAND COTTON

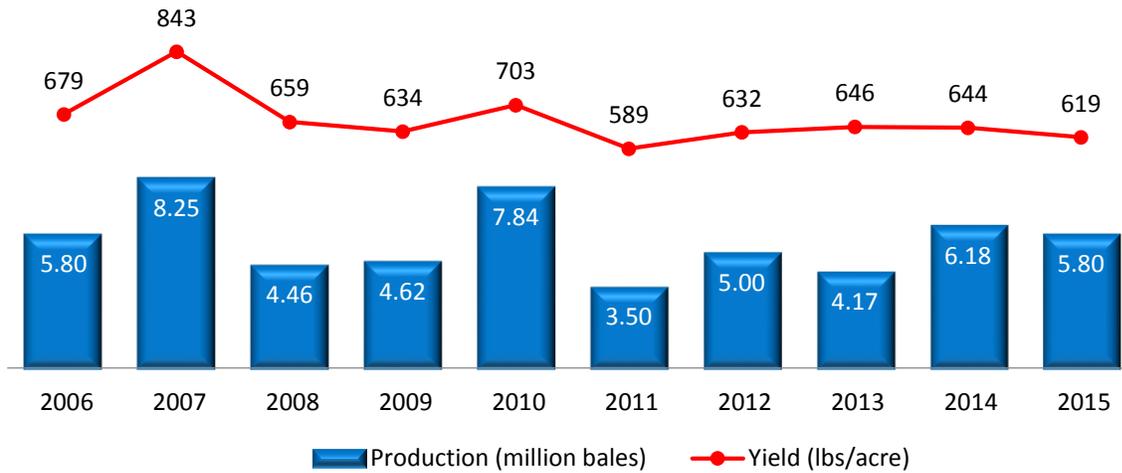
Oklahoma Upland Cotton production is expected to total 350 thousand bales, 30 percent higher than 2014. Yield is expected to average 862 pounds per acre, compared with 615 pounds last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 195 thousand acres, down 7 percent from last year.

Oklahoma Upland Cotton Production and Yield



Texas Upland Cotton production is expected to total 5.80 million bales, 6 percent lower than 2014. Yield is expected to average 619 pounds per acre, compared with 644 pounds last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 4.50 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Texas Upland Cotton Production and Yield

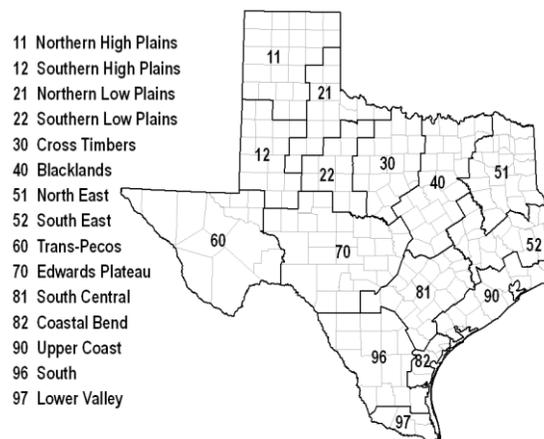


DISTRICT ESTIMATES

Production on the Texas **Southern High Plains** is estimated to total 3.42 million bales, up 43 percent from last year's production. Average yield, at 657 pounds per acre, is 113 pounds higher than a year ago. Acreage expected for harvest in the Southern High Plains, at 2.50 million acres, is up 389,000 acres from 2014.

The **Northern High Plain's** production, estimated at 610,000 bales, is 30 percent lower than last year. Average yield, at 714 pounds per acre, is down 53.0 pounds from a year ago. Acreage expected for harvest in the Northern High Plains is at 410,000 acres, down 134,500 acres from 2014.

In the Texas **Low Plains**, production is at 870,000 bales, 6 percent above last year. Average yield at 463 pounds per acre, is down 63.0 pounds from a year ago. The Low Plains expects to harvest 920,000 acres, up 127,200 acres from last year.



Texas Upland Cotton District Estimates, Final 2014 and Preliminary December 2015

District	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 bales</i>	<i>1,000 bales</i>
11	821.0	450.0	544.5	410.0	767	714	869.9	610.0
12	3,037.0	2,690.0	2,111.0	2,500.0	544	657	2,391.3	3,420.0
21	470.0	410.0	399.5	400.0	581	534	483.2	445.0
22	650.8	550.0	393.3	520.0	408	392	334.1	425.0
30	22.9	(D)	20.1	(D)	537	(D)	22.5	(D)
40	124.2	90.0	123.0	85.0	822	508	210.6	90.0
60	24.4	(D)	21.6	(D)	1,242	(D)	55.9	(D)
70	240.6	(D)	206.8	(D)	686	(D)	295.5	(D)
81	68.2	(D)	63.1	(D)	1,060	(D)	139.4	(D)
82	315.4	(D)	303.2	(D)	727	(D)	459.3	(D)
90	201.2	(D)	196.9	(D)	1,100	(D)	451.3	(D)
97	146.8	58.0	145.5	57.0	1,022	1,095	309.9	130.0
Other Districts	77.5	552.0	71.5	528.0	1,021	618	152.1	680.0
Texas	6,200.0	4,800.0	4,600.0	4,500.0	644	619	6,175.0	5,800.0

(D) Combined under *Other Districts*. Not published to prevent disclosure.

CROP SUMMARY

**Upland Cotton Acreage, Yield, and Production for Oklahoma, Texas, and United States
Final 2014 and December 1, 2015**

Upland Cotton	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production ¹	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 bales</i> ²	<i>1,000 bales</i> ²
Oklahoma	240	210	210	195	615	862	269	350
Texas	6,200	4,800	4,600	4,500	644	619	6,175	5,800
United States	10,845	8,398	9,157	7,995	826	755	15,753	12,580

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned.

² 480 pound next weight bale.

The **United States upland cotton** production is forecast at 12.6 million 480-pound bales, down 20 percent from last year's 15.8 million bales. Yield is expected to average 755 pounds per acre, down 71.0 pounds from 2014. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 8.00 million acres, 13 percent lower than last year.

Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1046>

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