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Estimates in this release reflect the crop conditions as of October 1, 2015. The rains and historic flooding experienced in South Carolina occurred after this date. Any potential damage from this event will be incorporated into the November Crop Production Report to be released on November 10, 2015.

Corn production in the United States is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down 5 percent from last year's record production and down less than 1 percent from the September forecast. Soybean production is forecast at 3.89 billion bushels, down 1 percent from September and down 1 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 13.3 million 480-pound bales, down less than one percent from last month and down 18 percent from last year.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the October Crop Production report

Alabama: Corn area planted for all purposes and acreage harvested for grain revised down 20,000 acres from June. Corn for grain production is forecast at 33.4 million bushels, down 4 percent from September and down 26 percent from 2014. If realized, yield at 139 bushels per acre will be a record high. Cotton production forecasted at 545,000 bales is down 3 percent from last month and 17 percent from 2014. Forecasted peanut production remains at 709 million pounds, up 30 percent from last year. Soybean planted and harvested acreage is revised up 10,000 acres from June. Production is forecast at 20.6 million bushels, up 5 percent from the September 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2014.

Florida: Corn area planted for all purposes is revised to 80,000 acres, up 10,000 from June and acreage harvested for grain is revised up 5,000 acres to 40,000. Cotton production forecasted at 140,000 bales is up 8 percent from last month but down 27 percent from 2014. Forecasted peanut production remains at 585 million pounds, down 12 percent from last year. Soybean planted and harvested acreage is revised down 2,000 acres from June.

Georgia: Corn area planted for all purposes and acreage harvested for grain revised up 15,000 acres from June. Corn for grain production is forecast at 51.5 million bushels, up 6 percent from September but down 2 percent from 2014. Cotton production forecasted at 2,300,000 bales is up 5 percent from last month but down 11 percent from 2014. Forecasted peanut production remains at 3.43 billion pounds, up 41 percent from 2014. Soybeans planted is revised down 30,000 acres and harvested acreage is revised down 25,000 acres from June. Production is forecast at 14.1 million bushels, down 7 percent from the September 1 forecast but up 21 percent from 2014. Tobacco production is forecast at 27.3 million pounds, down 7 percent from last month and 21 percent from 2014.

South Carolina: Corn area planted for all purposes is revised up 20,000 acres and harvested for grain is revised up 15,000 acres from June. Corn for grain production is forecast at 30.3 million bushels, up 9 percent from September but down 8 percent from 2014. Cotton production forecasted at 385,000 bales is down 8 percent from last month and down 27 percent from 2014. Forecasted peanut production remains at 367 million pounds, down 11 percent from last year. Soybean planted and harvested acreage is revised up 55,000 acres from June. Production is forecast at 13.5 million bushels, up 13 percent from the September 1 forecast but down 12 percent from 2014. Tobacco production is forecast at 27.2 million pounds, down 10 percent from last month and 18 percent from 2014.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2014 and Forecasted October 1, 2015

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015		2014	2015
						September 1	October 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn¹(bushels)									
Alabama.....	300	260	285	240	159.0	133.0	139.0	45,315	33,360
Florida ²	75	80	40	40	135.0			5,400	
Georgia.....	350	330	310	280	170.0	184.0	184.0	52,700	51,520
South Carolina.....	295	295	280	275	117.0	107.0	110.0	32,760	30,250
United States.....	90,597	88,381	83,136	80,664	171.0	167.5	168.0	14,215,532	13,554,923
Cotton, all³ (bales)									
Alabama.....	350.0	315.0	348.0	312.0	901	862	838	653.0	545.0
Florida.....	107.0	85.0	105.0	83.0	878	752	810	192.0	140.0
Georgia.....	1,380.0	1,120.0	1,370.0	1,110.0	900	951	995	2,570.0	2,300.0
South Carolina.....	280.0	235.0	278.0	232.0	912	869	797	528.0	385.0
United States.....	11,037.4	8,555.5	9,346.8	8,166.3	838	789	784	16,319.4	13,338.0
Hay, all other..... (tons)									
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	750	720	2.80	(NA)	2.70	2,100	1,944
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	320		2.60	(NA)		832	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	580	540	2.60	(NA)	3.00	1,508	1,620
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	270		2.30	(NA)		621	
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	38,647	38,202	2.03	(NA)	2.07	78,352	79,187
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	175.0	200.0	173.0	197.0	3,150	3,600	3,600	544,950	709,200
Florida.....	175.0	185.0	167.0	172.0	4,000	3,600	3,400	668,000	584,800
Georgia.....	600.0	790.0	589.0	780.0	4,135	4,400	4,400	2,435,515	3,432,000
South Carolina.....	112.0	113.0	108.0	108.0	3,800	3,400	3,400	410,400	367,200
United States.....	1,353.5	1,620.0	1,322.5	1,582.0	3,923	3,996	3,997	5,188,665	6,322,500
Soybeans.....(bushels)									
Alabama.....	480	500	470	490	40.0	41.0	42.0	18,800	20,580
Florida ²	39	33	37	31	43.0			1,591	
Georgia.....	300	330	290	320	40.0	44.0	44.0	11,600	14,080
South Carolina.....	450	475	440	465	35.0	29.0	29.0	15,400	13,485
United States.....	83,276	83,205	82,591	82,429	47.5	47.1	47.2	3,927,090	3,887,721
Sugarcane⁴ (tons)									
Florida.....	NA	(NA)	408.0	415.0	38.6	38.8	39.0	15,738	16,185
United States.....	NA	(NA)	870.3	881.7	35.0	35.4	35.5	30,424	31,319
Tobacco..... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	15.0	13.0	2,300	2,250	2,100	34,500	27,300
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	15.8	14.3	2,100	2,100	1,900	33,180	27,170
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	378.4	329.0	2,316	2,136	2,148	876,415	706,602

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2015 Summary*, released January 2016.

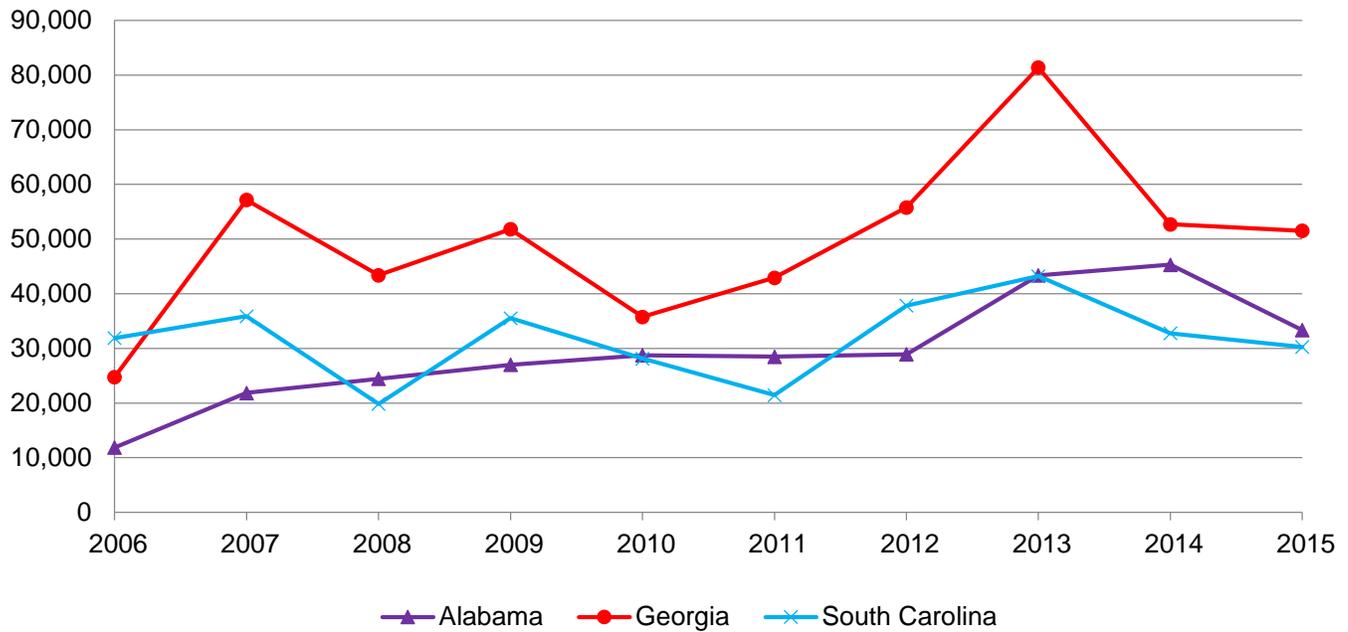
³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, October 2015

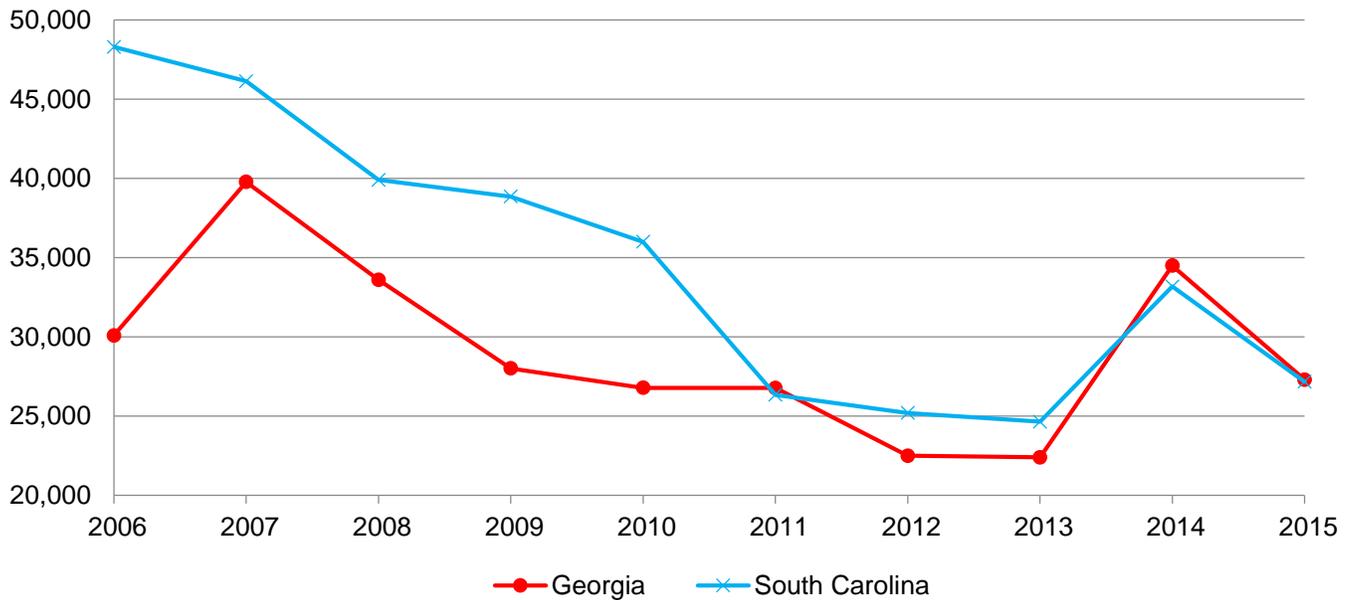
Southern Region Corn Production — Selected States: 2006 - 2015

1,000 bushels



Southern Region Tobacco Production: 2006 - 2015

1,000 pounds



Pecan Production by Variety — States and United States: 2014 and Forecasted October 1, 2015

Variety and State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2014 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (1,000 pounds)
Improved varieties ¹		
Alabama	1,500	2,000
Florida.....	100	400
Georgia.....	74,000	94,000
South Carolina.....	200	630
Native and seedling		
Alabama	200	500
Florida.....	(D)	(D)
Georgia.....	2,000	6,000
South Carolina.....	50	60
All pecans		
Alabama	1,700	2,500
Florida.....	(D)	(D)
Georgia.....	76,000	100,000
South Carolina.....	250	690
United States	264,150	272,340

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

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Georgia Pecan Utilized Production: 2007 - 2015

1,000 pounds

