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Key findings for the Southern Region released in the *Crop Production Summary* include:

Alabama: Corn for grain production for 2015 totaled 36.0 million bushels, down 21 percent from 2014. Cotton planted area is down 10 percent from last year and production, estimated at 550,000 bales, is down 16 percent. Peanut planted area is up 14 percent with production totaling 660 million pounds, up 21 percent from 2014. Soybean production is up 7 percent from last year.

Florida: With a record high yield of 141 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is up 31 percent from 2014. Cotton planted area is down 21 percent from last year and production, estimated at 150,000 bales, is down 22 percent. Peanut planted area is up 9 percent with production totaling 657 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2014. Soybean production is down 26 percent from last year.

Georgia: Corn for grain production for 2015 totaled 48.7 million bushels, down 8 percent from 2014. Cotton planted area is down 18 percent from last year and production, estimated at 2.30 million bales, is down 11 percent. Peanut planted area is up 31 percent with production totaling 3.47 billion pounds, up 43 percent from 2014. With a record high yield of 43 bushels per acre, soybean production is up 17 percent from last year. Tobacco production is down 6 percent from 2014.

South Carolina: Corn for grain production for 2015 totaled 24.2 million bushels, down 26 percent from 2014. Cotton planted area is down 16 percent from last year while production, estimated at 150,000 bales, is down 72 percent. Although peanut planted area is unchanged from last year, production is down 35 percent. Soybean production is down 32 percent from last year and tobacco production is down 22 percent from 2014. October flooding and a wet fall heavily damaged many crops and greatly impacted harvest.

Hay Stocks on Farms — States and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2014 and 2015

State	May 1		December 1	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama	300	210	1,495	1,600
Florida	55	42	570	560
Georgia	170	195	1,030	1,100
South Carolina.....	95	80	370	360
United States.....	19,176	24,517	92,052	94,993

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, January 2016

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

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2014	2015	2014 (1,000)	2015 (1,000)
Corn ¹ (bushels)								
Alabama.....	300	260	285	245	159.0	147.0	45,315	36,015
Florida.....	75	80	40	50	135.0	141.0	5,400	7,050
Georgia.....	350	330	310	285	170.0	171.0	52,700	48,735
South Carolina.....	295	295	280	260	117.0	93.0	32,760	24,180
United States.....	90,597	87,999	83,136	80,749	171.0	168.4	14,215,532	13,601,198
Cotton, all ² (bales)								
Alabama.....	350.0	315.0	348.0	313.0	901	843	653.0	550.0
Florida.....	107.0	85.0	105.0	84.0	878	857	192.0	150.0
Georgia.....	1,380.0	1,130.0	1,370.0	1,120.0	900	986	2,570.0	2,300.0
South Carolina.....	280.0	235.0	278.0	124.0	912	581	528.0	150.0
United States.....	11,037.4	8,580.5	9,346.8	8,076.9	838	769	16,319.4	12,943.0
Hay, all other (tons)								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	750	730	2.80	2.80	2,100	2,044
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	320	290	2.60	2.80	832	812
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	580	570	2.60	2.50	1,508	1,425
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	270	300	2.30	2.00	621	600
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	38,667	36,659	2.03	2.06	78,472	75,414
Peanuts (pounds)								
Alabama.....	175.0	200.0	173.0	197.0	3,150	3,350	544,950	659,950
Florida.....	175.0	190.0	167.0	180.0	4,000	3,650	668,000	657,000
Georgia.....	600.0	785.0	589.0	777.0	4,135	4,470	2,435,515	3,473,190
South Carolina.....	112.0	112.0	108.0	83.0	3,800	3,200	410,400	265,600
United States.....	1,353.5	1,625.0	1,322.5	1,568.0	3,923	3,963	5,188,665	6,213,790
Sorghum ¹ (bushels)								
Georgia.....	40	50	23	34	41.0	48.0	943	1,632
United States.....	7,138	8,459	6,401	7,851	67.6	76.0	432,575	596,751
Soybeans..... (bushels)								
Alabama.....	480	500	470	490	40.0	41.0	18,800	20,090
Florida.....	39	33	37	31	43.0	38.0	1,591	1,178
Georgia.....	300	325	290	315	40.0	43.0	11,600	13,545
South Carolina.....	450	475	440	405	35.0	26.0	15,400	10,530
United States.....	83,276	82,650	82,591	81,849	47.5	48.0	3,927,090	3,929,885
Sugarcane ³ (tons)								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	408.0	425.0	38.6	39.9	15,738	16,969
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	868.5	892.7	35.0	36.5	30,424	32,549
Sweet Potato (cwt)								
Alabama.....	2.1	2.6	2.0	2.5	220	220	440	550
Florida.....	6.0	5.6	5.9	5.4	200	205	1,180	1,107
United States.....	137.3	156.9	135.2	153.1	219	203	29,584	31,016
Tobacco..... (pounds)								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	15.0	13.5	2,300	2,400	34,500	32,400
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	15.8	13.0	2,100	2,000	33,180	26,000
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	378.4	326.6	2,316	2,178	876,415	711,236

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Yield is pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

³ For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production 2015 Summary*, January 2016