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The estimates in this report are based primarily on the December 2020 Agricultural Survey which was conducted during the first two weeks of December. The estimates provided reflect planted and harvested acreage and yield and production for the 2020 growing season. We thank all the farm operators who responded throughout the year to quarterly Agricultural Surveys, monthly Agricultural Yield Surveys and those who permitted Cotton Objective Yield measurements to be taken in their fields.

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Key findings for the Southern Region from the Crop Production 2020 Summary

Alabama: Corn for grain production in 2020 totaled 50.6 million bushels, up 13 percent from 2019. With a decline in acreage and hurricane damage, cotton production, at 735,000 bales, was down 29 percent from the previous year. Peanut production totaled 637 million pounds, up 22 percent from 2019. Soybean production, at 11.3 million bushels, was up 20 percent.

Florida: Corn for grain production for 2020 totaled 8.42 million bushels, down 3 percent from 2019. As a result of damage from two hurricanes, cotton production, at 125,000 bales, was down 39 percent from the previous year. Peanut production totaled 561 million pounds, a decrease of 5 percent from 2019. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production, at 18.2 million tons, was up 3 percent from 2019.

Georgia: Corn for grain production totaled 70.2 million bushels, an increase of 25 percent from 2019, mainly due to a record high 180 bushels per acre year in 2020. Cotton production, at 2.18 million bales, was down 20 percent from 2019 due primarily to a drop in planted acreage. Conversely, peanut production, at 3.28 billion pounds, was up 19 percent from 2019 due to an increase in planted acreage. Soybean production, at 3.90 million bushels, was up 56 percent from the previous year due to a 12 bushel increase in yield compared with 2019. With tobacco harvested acres at the lowest level since 1918, production in 2020 totaled 19.3 million pounds.

South Carolina: Corn for grain production totaled 50.2 million bushels, an increase of 35 percent from 2019, mainly due to a 26 bushel increase in yield compared with 2019. With a large drop in acreage in 2020, cotton production, at 300,000 bales, was down 40 percent from the previous year. Peanut production, at 279 million pounds, was up 18 percent from 2019. With a 9 bushel increase in yield compared with the previous year, soybean production, at 10.5 million bushels, was up 28 percent from 2019. With tobacco harvested at 6,000 acres, the lowest level since 1892, production in 2020 totaled 8.4 million pounds, the lowest since 1894.

Hay Stocks on Farms – States and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2019 and 2020

State	May 1		December 1	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama	200	120	1,100	1,800
Florida	80	80	540	520
Georgia	265	170	1,110	1,210
South Carolina.....	95	75	360	400
United States.....	14,906	20,426	84,488	84,020

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), January 2021

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2019 and 2020

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn¹(bushels)								
Alabama.....	320	330	305	320	147.0	158.0	44,835	50,560
Florida.....	95	100	54	61	161.0	138.0	8,694	8,418
Georgia.....	395	420	350	390	160.0	180.0	56,000	70,200
South Carolina.....	380	400	350	380	106.0	132.0	37,100	50,160
United States.....	89,745	90,819	81,337	82,467	167.5	172.0	13,619,928	14,182,479
Cotton, all² (bales)								
Alabama.....	540.0	450.0	532.0	445.0	928	793	1,028.0	735.0
Florida.....	112.0	98.0	110.0	96.0	895	625	205.0	125.0
Georgia.....	1,400.0	1,190.0	1,380.0	1,180.0	953	887	2,740.0	2,180.0
South Carolina.....	300.0	190.0	295.0	185.0	809	778	497.0	300.0
United States.....	13,735.7	12,092.5	11,612.5	8,701.5	823	825	19,912.5	14,953.0
Hay, all other (tons)								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	700	750	2.50	3.10	1,750	2,325
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	270	280	2.90	3.00	783	840
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	560	570	2.75	3.00	1,540	1,710
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	270	310	2.10	2.40	567	744
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	35,682	36,008	2.07	2.05	73,989	73,745
Peanuts (pounds)								
Alabama.....	160.0	185.0	156.0	182.0	3,350	3,500	522,600	637,000
Florida.....	165.0	175.0	155.0	165.0	3,800	3,400	589,000	561,000
Georgia.....	675.0	810.0	660.0	800.0	4,170	4,100	2,752,200	3,280,000
South Carolina.....	65.0	85.0	62.0	82.0	3,800	3,400	235,600	278,800
United States.....	1,432.7	1,664.2	1,389.7	1,615.8	3,934	3,796	5,466,487	6,133,900
Soybeans.....(bushels)								
Alabama.....	265	280	260	275	36.0	41.0	9,360	11,275
Georgia.....	100	100	86	95	29.0	41.0	2,494	3,895
South Carolina.....	335	310	315	300	26.0	35.0	8,190	10,500
United States.....	76,100	83,084	74,939	82,318	47.4	50.2	3,551,908	4,135,477
Sugarcane³ (tons)								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	410.7	415.1	43.0	43.9	17,644	18,227
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	913.2	940.5	35.0	37.7	31,937	35,457
Tobacco..... (pounds)								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	9.0	7.9	2,100	2,440	18,900	19,276
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	8.3	6.0	1,900	1,400	15,770	8,400
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	227.1	198.1	2,060	1,966	467,956	389,413

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

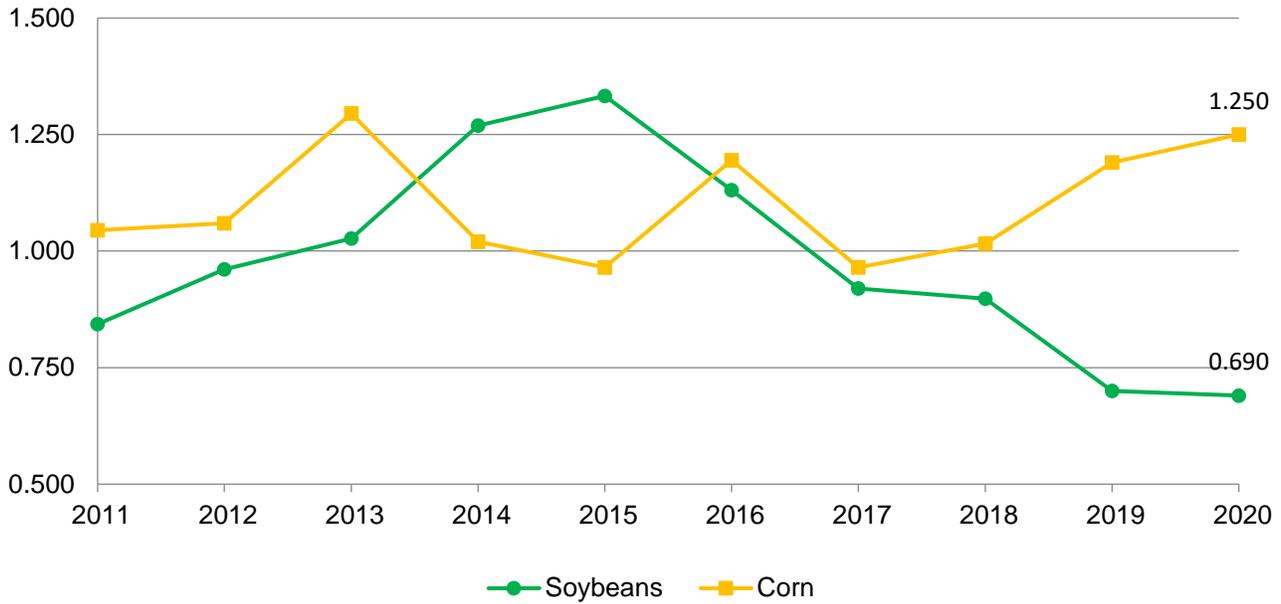
² Yield is pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

³ For sugar and seed.

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Southern Region Soybean and Corn Planted Acreage: 2011-2020

Million acres



Southern Region Cotton and Peanut Planted Acreage: 2011-2020

Million acres

