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Key findings for the Southern Region

Alabama: With a record high yield of 167 bushels per acre, corn for grain production for 2017 totaled 39.2 million bushels, up 4 percent from 2016. Cotton area planted at 435,000 acres is up 90,000 acres from last year and production at 810,000 bales is up 15 percent. Peanut production totals 704 million pounds, up 14 percent from 2016. With a record high yield of 46 bushels per acre, soybean production is up 21 percent from last year.

Florida: With a record high yield of 161 bushels per acre, corn for grain production for 2017 totaled 5.96 million bushels, up 3 percent from 2016. Cotton production is estimated at 160,000 bales, an 18 percent decrease from last year. Peanut planted area is up 26 percent with production totaling 660 million pounds, up 19 percent from 2016. Due to the lowest acreage since 2007, soybean production is down 54 percent from last year.

Georgia: With corn harvested for grain acreage down 28 percent from last year, production for 2017 totaled 43.1 million bushels, a decrease of 23 percent. Cotton planted area at 1.28 million acres is up 100,000 from last year and production at 2.25 million bales is up 3 percent from last year. With peanut planted area at a record high 835,000 acres, an increase of 115,000 acres from last year, production is also at a record high 3.61 billion pounds. Despite the second highest yield on record, soybean production is down 13 percent from last year due to 105,000 fewer acres planted this year. Tobacco production at 26.3 million pounds is down 7 percent from 2016.

South Carolina: With a record high yield of 136 bushels per acre, corn for grain production for 2017 totaled 44.2 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2016. Cotton planted area at 250,000 acres is up 60,000 acres from last year and production at an estimated 470,000 bales is up 88 percent from the hurricane damaged 2016 crop. With a record high peanut planted area of 122,000 acres and a record high 4,000 pounds per acre, production is at a record high 472 million pounds. With a record high yield of 38 bushels per acre, soybean production is up 18 percent from last year. Tobacco production at 25.2 million pounds is up 2 percent from 2016.

Hay Stocks on Farms — States and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2016 and 2017

State	May 1		December 1	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama	265	240	1,050	1,550
Florida	55	40	550	490
Georgia	195	165	950	1,240
South Carolina.....	75	80	380	390
United States.....	25,140	24,388	95,837	86,246

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, January 2018

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2016 and 2017

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn¹(bushels)								
Alabama.....	330	250	315	235	120.0	167.0	37,800	39,245
Florida.....	80	75	40	37	145.0	161.0	5,800	5,957
Georgia.....	410	290	340	245	165.0	176.0	56,100	43,120
South Carolina.....	375	350	350	325	127.0	136.0	44,450	44,200
United States.....	94,004	90,167	86,748	82,703	174.6	176.6	15,148,038	14,604,067
Cotton, all² (bales)								
Alabama.....	345.0	435.0	343.0	430.0	988	904	706.0	810.0
Florida.....	103.0	99.0	102.0	98.0	922	784	196.0	160.0
Georgia.....	1,180.0	1,280.0	1,165.0	1,270.0	898	850	2,180.0	2,250.0
South Carolina.....	190.0	250.0	183.0	248.0	656	910	250.0	470.0
United States.....	10,072.5	12,611.5	9,507.8	11,348.9	867	899	17,169.9	21,263.0
Hay, all other (tons)								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	810	860	2.10	2.50	1,701	2,150
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	300	300	2.70	2.50	810	750
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	600	620	2.30	2.90	1,380	1,798
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	320	260	2.10	2.60	672	676
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	36,596	37,221	2.10	2.05	76,732	76,387
Peanuts (pounds)								
Alabama.....	175.0	195.0	172.0	193.0	3,600	3,650	619,200	704,450
Florida.....	155.0	195.0	146.0	186.0	3,800	3,550	554,800	660,300
Georgia.....	720.0	835.0	706.0	825.0	3,900	4,380	2,753,400	3,613,500
South Carolina.....	110.0	122.0	106.0	118.0	3,200	4,000	339,200	472,000
United States.....	1,671.0	1,870.6	1,536.0	1,775.6	3,634	4,074	5,581,570	7,233,600
Sorghum¹(bushels)								
Georgia.....	20	20	10	10	54.0	54.0	540	540
United States.....	6,690	5,626	6,163	5,045	77.9	72.1	480,261	363,832
Soybeans.....(bushels)								
Alabama.....	420	350	410	345	32.0	46.0	13,120	15,870
Florida.....	31	15	29	14	36.0	34.0	1,044	476
Georgia.....	260	155	240	150	30.0	42.0	7,200	6,300
South Carolina.....	420	400	405	390	31.0	38.0	12,555	14,820
United States.....	83,433	90,142	82,696	89,522	52.0	49.1	4,296,086	4,391,553
Sugarcane³ (tons)								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	417.0	411.0	40.5	41.1	16,904	16,878
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	903.1	892.9	35.6	36.1	32,118	32,243
Tobacco..... (pounds)								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	13.5	12.5	2,100	2,100	28,350	26,250
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	13.0	12.0	1,900	2,100	24,700	25,200
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	319.7	321.5	1,967	2,209	628,720	710,161

(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 2017 Summary*, January 2018