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Cotton production in the US is forecast at 13.0 million 480-pound bales, down 20 percent from last year. Sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 32.1 million tons, up 6 percent from last year.

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

Alabama: Cotton production forecast at 545,000 bales is down 8 percent from last month and down 17 percent from 2014.

Florida: Cotton production forecast at 135,000 bales is unchanged from last month but down 30 percent from 2014. Sugarcane production is forecasted at 17.0 million tons, up 5 percent from November and up 8 percent from 2014.

Georgia: Cotton production forecast at 2.3 million bales is unchanged from last month but down 11 percent from 2014.

South Carolina: Cotton production is forecast at 180,000 bales, down 40 percent from last month and down 66 percent from 2014.

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

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015		2014	2015
						November 1	December 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Cotton, all ¹(bales)									
Alabama	350.0	315.0	348.0	312.0	901	908	838	653.0	545.0
Florida	107.0	85.0	105.0	83.0	878	781	781	192.0	135.0
Georgia.....	1,380.0	1,120.0	1,370.0	1,110.0	900	995	995	2,570.0	2,300.0
South Carolina.....	280.0	235.0	278.0	215.0	912	670	402	528.0	180.0
United States	11,037.4	8,555.5	9,346.8	8,149.3	838	782	768	16,319.4	13,031.0
Sugarcane ²(tons)									
Florida	(NA)	(NA)	408.0	425.0	38.6	39.0	39.9	15,738	16,969
United States	(NA)	(NA)	870.3	892.7	35.0	36.0	36.0	30,424	32,139

(NA) Not available.

¹ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

² For sugar and seed.

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