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**2016 Winter Wheat Production Up 4 Percent  
Hay Stocks Up 3 Percent**

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.43 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2015. As of May 1, the yield is forecast at 47.8 bushels per acre, up 5.3 bushels from last year. If realized, this will equal the record yield set in 1999. State level data for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina will be released in the September *Small Grains Summary*.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2016 totaled 25.1 million tons, up 3 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2015 - May 1, 2016 totaled 69.9 million tons, compared with 67.5 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

**2015 Cotton Ginnings Down 21 Percent**

A total of 12.9 million equivalent 480-pound bales were ginned in the United States during the 2015 season, down 21 percent from the 2014 season. There were 560 active cotton gins during the 2015 season, down from 601 last year. Forty-two percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 bales compared with 53 percent the previous season.

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

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	350.0	315.0	348.0	307.0	901	866
Florida .....	107.0	85.0	105.0	83.0	878	885
Georgia.....	1,380.0	1,130.0	1,370.0	1,120.0	900	966
South Carolina.....	280.0	235.0	278.0	136.0	912	547
United States .....	11,037.4	8,580.5	9,346.8	8,074.9	838	766

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

**Cotton Production and Bales Ginned — States and United States: 2014 and 2015**

State	Production in 480-pound net weight bales <sup>1</sup>		Bales ginned in 480-pound net weight bales <sup>2</sup>	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 bales)	(1,000 bales)	(bales)	(bales)
Alabama .....	653.0	554.0	658,400	545,500
Florida .....	192.0	153.0	142,100	113,950
Georgia.....	2,570.0	2,255.0	2,614,800	2,294,300
South Carolina.....	528.0	155.0	486,050	142,850
United States .....	16,319.4	12,888.0	16,293,800	12,866,650

<sup>1</sup> Production ginned and to be ginned.

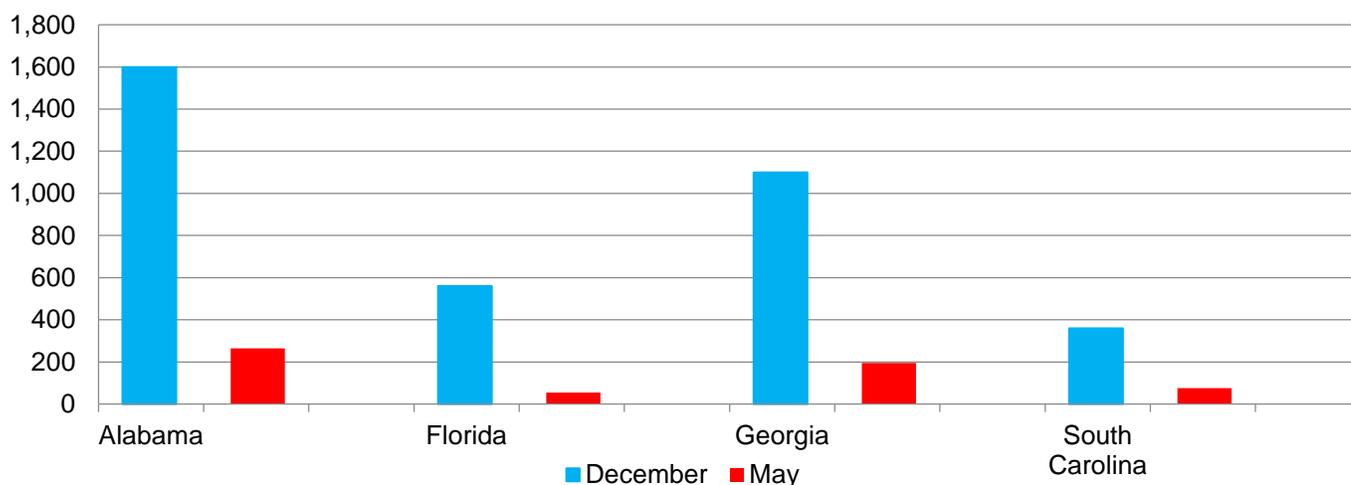
<sup>2</sup> Equivalent 480-pound net weight bales ginned, not adjusted for cross-state movement.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Cotton Ginnings 2015 Summary*, May 2016

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## Hay Stocks on Farm — December 1, 2015 and May 1, 2016

1,000 tons



## Hay Stocks on Farms — States and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2014-2016

State	December 1		May 1	
	2014 (1,000 tons)	2015 (1,000 tons)	2015 (1,000 tons)	2016 (1,000 tons)
Alabama.....	1,495	1,600	210	265
Florida.....	570	560	42	55
Georgia.....	1,030	1,100	195	195
South Carolina.....	370	360	80	75
United States.....	92,052	94,993	24,517	25,140

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

## Spring Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted May 1, 2016

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2015 (1,000 acres)	2016 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2016 (1,000 acres)	2015 (cwt)	2016 (cwt)	2015 (1,000 cwt)	2016 (1,000 cwt)
Florida.....	30.0	27.0	29.6	26.2	230	250	6,808	6,550
United States.....	70.1	52.0	68.5	50.9	296	328	20,251	16,677

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