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Cotton production in the US is forecast at 18.6 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from November but down 11 percent from last year. Sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 33.8 million tons, up 2 percent from last year.

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

Alabama: Cotton production forecast at 865,000 bales is down 2 percent from last month but up 7 percent from 2017.

Florida: Cotton production forecast at 125,000 bales is unchanged from last month but down 19 percent from 2017. Sugarcane production is forecast at 16.6 million tons, down 2 percent from 2017.

Georgia: Cotton production forecast at 1.90 million bales is down 3 percent from last month and down 15 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Cotton production is forecast at 450,000 bales, down 4 percent from last month and down 4 percent from 2017.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2017 and Forecasted December 1, 2018

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018		2017	2018
						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	435.0	510.0	430.0	470.0	902	899	883	808.0	865.0
Florida	99.0	118.0	98.0	80.0	759	750	750	155.0	125.0
Georgia.....	1,280.0	1,430.0	1,270.0	1,350.0	841	693	676	2,225.0	1,900.0
South Carolina.....	250.0	300.0	248.0	280.0	912	806	771	471.0	450.0
United States.....	12,612.5	14,042.0	11,100.4	10,374.4	905	852	860	20,922.5	18,588.0
Sugarcane ²(tons)									
Florida	(NA)	(NA)	412.7	413.0	41.1	40.8	40.1	16,942	16,561
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	904.1	915.0	36.8	36.6	36.9	33,238	33,804

(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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Southern Region Cotton Yield: States – 2009-2018

Pounds per acre

