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2018 Winter Wheat Production Down 6 Percent
Hay Stocks Down 36 Percent

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.19 billion bushels, down 6 percent from 2017. As of May 1, the yield is forecast at 48.1 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from last year. 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 as of May 1, 2018 totaled 15.7 million tons, down 36 percent from the previous May. Disappearance from December 1, 2017 - May 1, 2018 totaled 70.6 million tons, compared with 71.4 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

2017 Cotton Ginnings Up 22 Percent

A total of 20.4 million running bales were ginned during the 2017 season, up 22 percent from last season. There were 553 active cotton gins, down from the 556 gins that operated in 2016. Sixty-nine percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 55 percent the previous season.

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

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	345.0	435.0	343.0	430.0	988	902
Florida	103.0	99.0	102.0	98.0	922	759
Georgia.....	1,180.0	1,280.0	1,165.0	1,270.0	898	841
South Carolina.....	190.0	250.0	183.0	248.0	656	912
United States	10,072.5	12,612.5	9,507.8	11,100.4	867	905

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

Cotton Production and Bales Ginned — States and United States: 2016 and 2017

State	Production in 480-pound net weight bales ¹		Bales ginned in 480-pound net weight bales ²	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 bales)	(1,000 bales)	(bales)	(bales)
Alabama	706.0	808.0	691,600	795,050
Florida	196.0	155.0	150,300	123,050
Georgia.....	2,180.0	2,225.0	2,229,750	2,257,900
South Carolina.....	250.0	471.0	224,250	416,800
United States	17,169.9	20,922.5	17,140,400	20,876,650

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned.

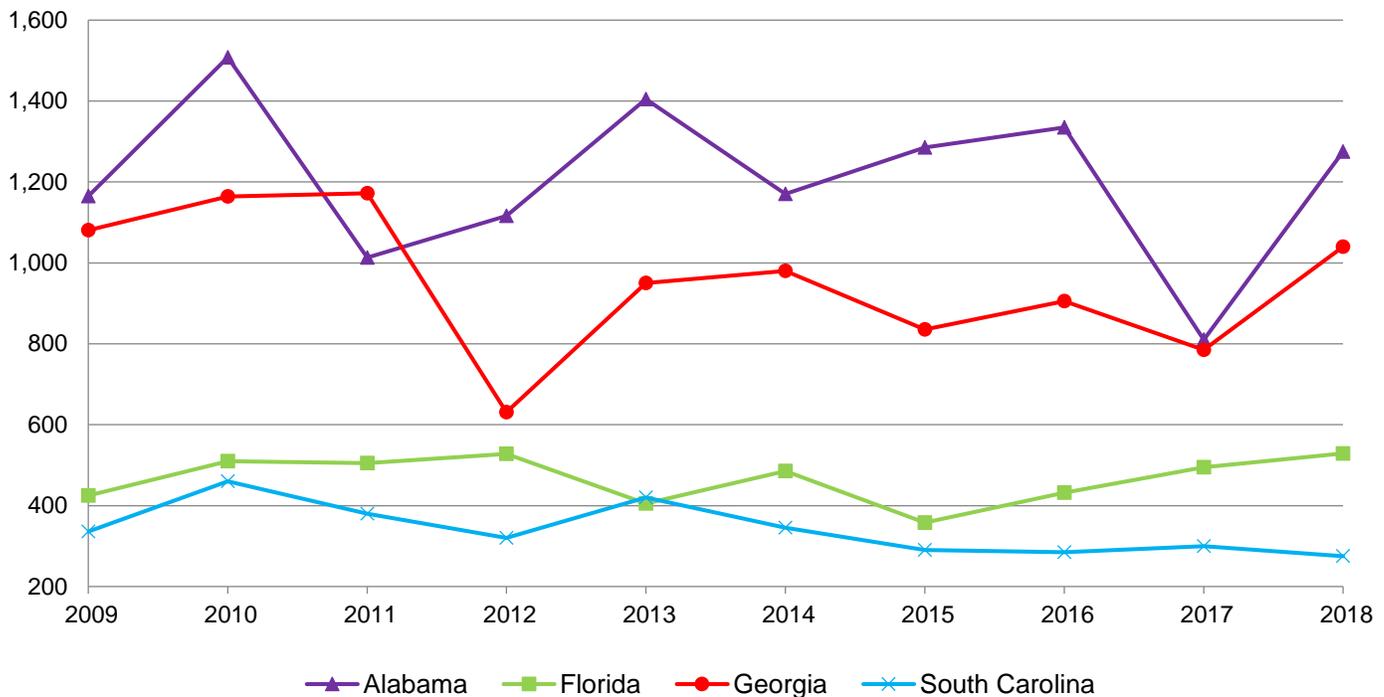
² Equivalent 480-pound net weight bales ginned, not adjusted for cross-state movement.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Cotton Ginnings 2017 Summary*, May 2018

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Hay Stocks Disappearance December to May – States: 2008-2018

1,000 tons



Hay Stocks on Farms — States and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2016-2018

State	December 1		May 1	
	2016 (1,000 tons)	2017 (1,000 tons)	2017 (1,000 tons)	2018 (1,000 tons)
Alabama.....	1,050	1,550	240	275
Florida.....	550	490	40	65
Georgia.....	950	1,240	165	200
South Carolina.....	380	390	80	115
United States.....	95,837	86,246	24,388	15,669

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

Spring Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2017 and Forecasted May 1, 2018

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2017 (cwt)	2018 (cwt)	2017 (1,000 cwt)	2018 (1,000 cwt)
Florida.....	29.0	24.0	28.7	23.6	250	270	7,175	6,372
United States.....	58.0	50.0	57.7	49.6	343	354	19,790	17,552

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