



# Southern Region News Release

## December Crop Production



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Cotton production in the US is forecast at 20.2 million 480-pounds bales, down 3 percent from November. Sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 32.7 million tons, down 5 percent from last year.

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

**Alabama:** Cotton production is forecast at 1.10 million bales, up 2 percent from last month and up 24 percent from 2018. If realized, this will be the highest production for the state since 1948. Yield is forecast at 987 pounds per acre, one pound shy of the record high set in 2016.

**Florida:** Cotton production is forecast at 205,000 bales, down 5 percent from last month but nearly double last year's production which was devastated by Hurricane Michael. Sugarcane production is forecast at 17.4 million tons, up 1 percent from 2018.

**Georgia:** Cotton production is forecast at 2.60 million bales, down 4 percent from last month but up 33 percent from last year's hurricane damaged crop. Pecan production is forecast at 67 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

**South Carolina:** Cotton production is forecast at 500,000 bales, unchanged from last month but up 19 percent from 2018's crop which was damaged by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

### Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2018 and Forecasted December 1, 2019

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019		2018	2019
						November 1	December 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Cotton, all <sup>1</sup> .....(bales)									
Alabama .....	510.0	540.0	497.0	535.0	858	969	987	888.0	1,100.0
Florida .....	117.0	113.0	93.0	111.0	532	930	886	103.0	205.0
Georgia.....	1,430.0	1,400.0	1,305.0	1,390.0	719	932	898	1,955.0	2,600.0
South Carolina.....	300.0	300.0	275.0	295.0	733	814	814	420.0	500.0
United States .....	14,100.3	13,761.5	10,205.8	12,509.4	864	799	775	18,367.0	20,206.0
Sugarcane <sup>2</sup> .....(tons)									
Florida .....	(NA)	(NA)	412.3	408.3	41.9	44.1	42.5	17,256	17,353
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	899.7	912.3	38.4	37.1	35.8	34,542	32,695

(NA) Not available.

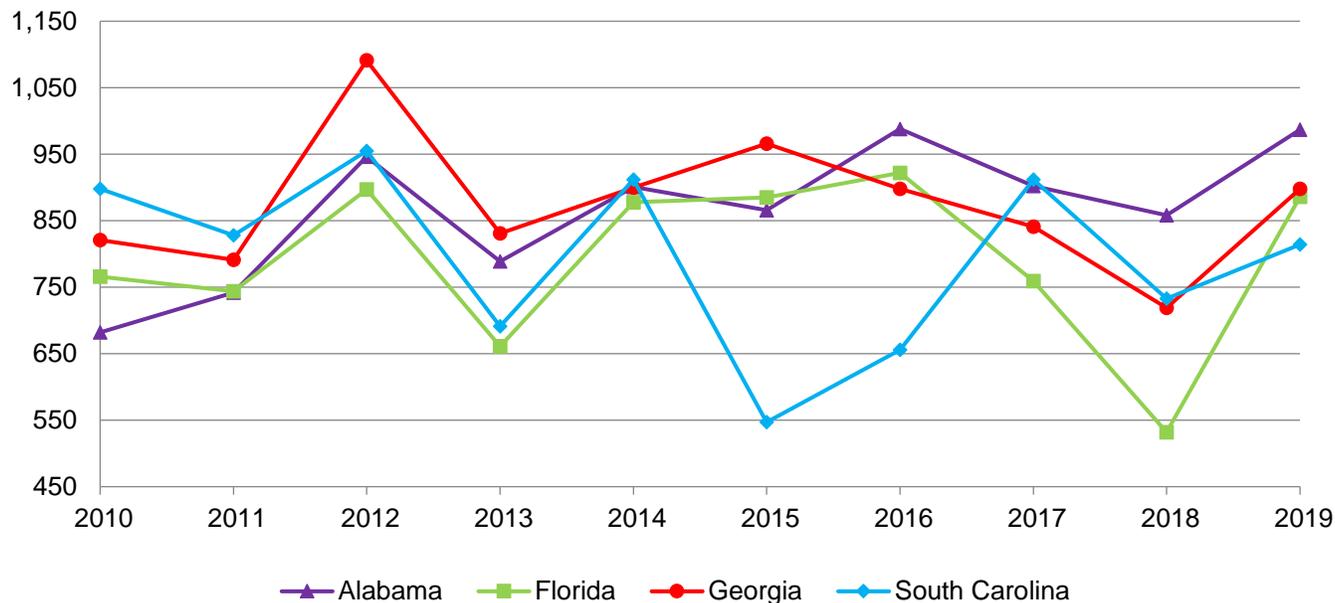
<sup>1</sup> Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

<sup>2</sup> For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, December 2019

### Southern Region Cotton Yield: States — 2010-2019

Pounds per acre



### Pecan Production — States and United States: 2018 and Forecasted December 1, 2019

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2018 (1,000 pounds)	2019 (1,000 pounds)
Georgia.....	70,000	67,000
United States .....	242,930	261,000

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, December 2019

### Pecan Utilized Production: Georgia — 2010-2019

1,000 pounds

