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Corn production in the United States is forecast at 13.8 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 168.4 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from 2018. Soybean production is forecast at 3.55 billion bushels, down 20 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 21.7 million 480-pound bales, up 18 percent from 2018.

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

Alabama: Corn area planted for all purposes remains at 320,000 acres with production at 46.1 million bushels, up 18 percent from 2018. The 151 bushel per acre yield forecast is down 10 bushels from last month. Cotton production is forecast at 1.06 million bales, up 19 percent from 2018. If realized this will be the highest production for the state since 1948. Peanut production is estimated at 518 million pounds, down 9 percent from 2018. Soybean planted acreage is revised down 10,000 acres from June to 270,000 acres. Production is forecast at 10.6 million bushels, down 21 percent from 2018.

Florida: Corn area planted for all purposes is revised up to 95,000 acres, a 15,000 acre increase from September. Cotton production is forecast at 215,000 bales with a yield of 930 pounds per acre. If realized, both production and yield will be record highs for the state. Peanut production is estimated at 620 million pounds, up 10 percent from 2018. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 18.2 million tons, up 5 percent from 2018.

Georgia: Corn area planted for all purposes is revised up to 390,000 acres, a 10,000 acre increase from September. With yield forecast at 168 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is at 58.0 million bushels, up 16 percent from 2018. Cotton production for 2019 remains at 2.70 million bales, up 38 percent from last year. Peanut production falls to 2.77 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2018. Soybean planted acreage is revised down 10,000 acres to 100,000 acres, the lowest since 1959. Yield at 28 bushels per acre is down 5 bushels from last month and if realized will be the lowest since 2011. Soybean production is 2.66 million bushels, down 48 percent from 2018 and the lowest production since 1963. Tobacco production remains at 18.0 million pounds, down 24 percent from last year. Pecan production is forecast at 76 million pounds, an increase of 9 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Corn area planted for all purposes remains at 380,000 acres with production at 38.0 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2018. The 110 bushel per acre yield forecast is down 7 bushels from last month. Cotton production is forecast at 470,000 bales, down 8 percent from last month but up 12 percent from 2018. Peanut production is forecast at 217 million pounds, down 20 percent from last year. Soybean planted acreage is revised down 10,000 acres from June to 340,000 acres. With a 5 bushel yield drop from last month, production is forecast at 9.57 million bushels. Tobacco harvested acreage is revised down to 8,000 acres with a production forecast of 13.6 million pounds, down 39 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest acreage since 1893 and lowest production since 1906.

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

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019		2018	2019
						September 1	October 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn ¹(bushels)									
Alabama.....	260	320	250	305	156.0	161.0	151.0	39,000	46,055
Florida ²	100	95	65	53	157.0			10,205	
Georgia.....	325	390	285	345	176.0	166.0	168.0	50,160	57,960
South Carolina.....	340	380	310	345	127.0	117.0	110.0	39,370	37,950
United States	89,129	89,942	81,740	81,815	176.4	168.2	168.4	14,420,101	13,779,335
Cotton, all ³ (bales)									
Alabama.....	510.0	540.0	497.0	535.0	858	942	951	888.0	1,060.0
Florida.....	117.0	113.0	93.0	111.0	532	908	930	103.0	215.0
Georgia.....	1,430.0	1,400.0	1,305.0	1,390.0	719	932	932	1,955.0	2,700.0
South Carolina.....	300.0	300.0	275.0	295.0	733	830	765	420.0	470.0
United States	14,100.3	13,761.5	10,205.8	12,509.4	864	839	833	18,367.0	21,705.0
Hay, all other..... (tons)									
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	850	760	2.80	(NA)	2.50	2,380	1,900
Florida ²	(NA)	(NA)	280	270	3.10	(NA)		868	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	600	580	2.90	(NA)	2.90	1,740	1,682
South Carolina ²	(NA)	(NA)	270	300	2.50	(NA)		675	
United States	(NA)	(NA)	36,231	35,945	1.96	(NA)	2.13	70,966	76,713
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	165.0	160.0	161.0	157.0	3,550	3,400	3,300	571,550	518,100
Florida.....	155.0	165.0	143.0	155.0	3,950	4,000	4,000	564,850	620,000
Georgia.....	665.0	670.0	655.0	660.0	4,390	4,400	4,200	2,875,450	2,772,000
South Carolina.....	87.0	65.0	80.0	62.0	3,400	3,600	3,500	272,000	217,000
United States	1,425.5	1,425.0	1,373.5	1,383.0	4,001	4,086	3,964	5,495,935	5,482,100
Soybeans.....(bushels)									
Alabama.....	345	270	335	265	40.0	44.0	40.0	13,400	10,600
Georgia.....	145	100	130	95	39.5	33.0	28.0	5,135	2,660
South Carolina.....	390	340	330	330	29.0	34.0	29.0	9,570	9,570
United States	89,167	76,457	87,594	75,626	50.6	47.9	46.9	4,428,150	3,550,281
Sugarcane ⁴ (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	412.3	411.0	41.9	44.1	44.2	17,256	18,166
United States	(NA)	(NA)	899.7	924.3	38.4	37.8	37.6	34,542	34,775
Tobacco..... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	12.5	9.0	1,900	2,000	2,000	23,750	18,000
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	12.3	8.0	1,800	2,000	1,700	22,140	13,600
United States	(NA)	(NA)	291.4	228.6	1,830	2,090	1,960	533,241	448,062

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2019 Summary*, released January 2020.

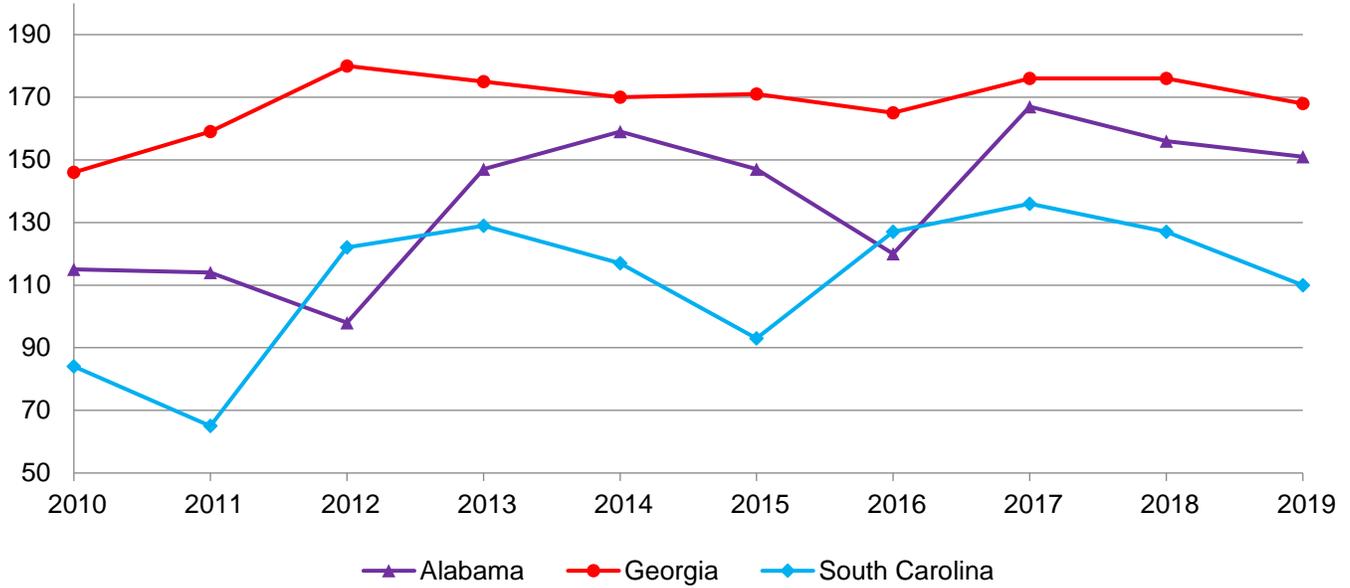
³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ For sugar and seed.

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

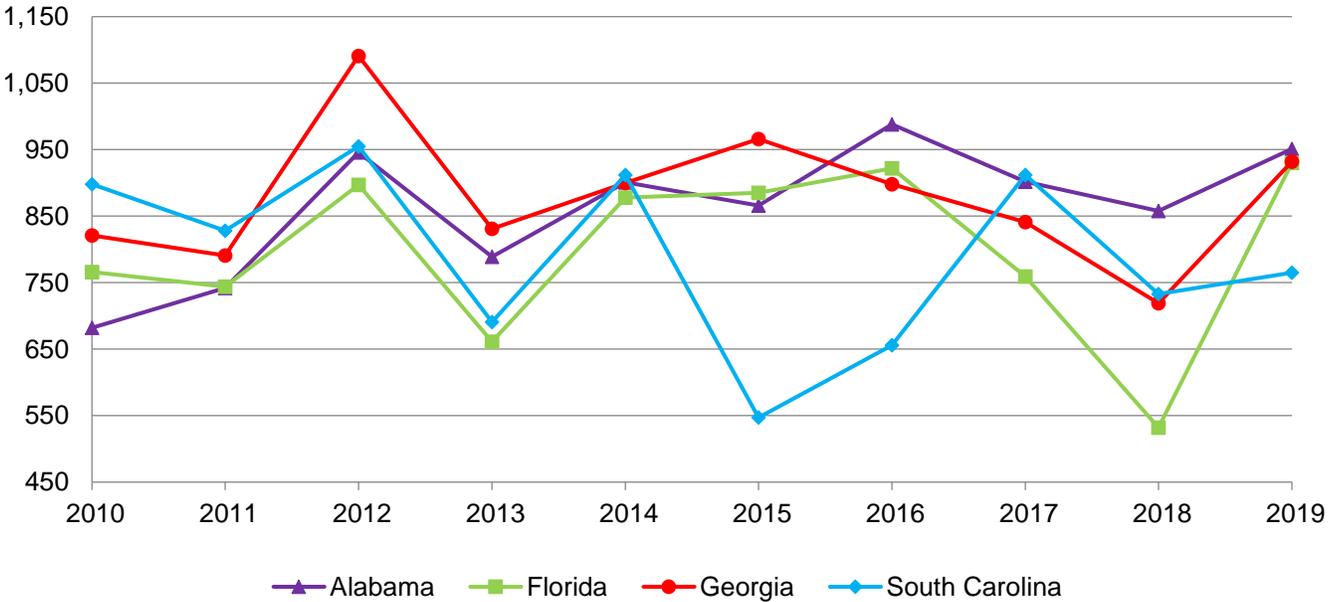
Southern Region Corn Yield — Selected States: 2010-2019

Bushels per acre



Southern Region Cotton Yield: 2010-2019

Pounds per acre



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

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2018 (1,000 pounds)	2019 (1,000 pounds)
Georgia.....	70,000	76,000
United States	242,930	281,000

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

Georgia Pecan Utilized Production: 2010-2019

1,000 pounds

