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**May Crop Production**



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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2020 May Agricultural Yield Survey**, as well as the **2019 Cotton Ginnings and Objective Yield surveys**. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys and to those cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

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**US 2020 Winter Wheat Production Down 4 Percent**  
**Hay Stocks Up 37 Percent**

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2019. As of May 1, the yield is forecast at 51.7 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last year. State level data for Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina will be released in the September *Small Grains Summary*.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2020 totaled 20.4 million tons, up 37 percent from the previous May. Disappearance from December 1, 2019 - May 1, 2020 totaled 64.1 million tons, down less than 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**US 2019 Cotton Ginnings Up 8 Percent**

A total of 19.4 million running bales were ginned during the 2019 season, up 8 percent from last season. There were 531 active cotton gins, down from the 532 gins that operated in 2018. Seventy percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 60 percent the previous season.

**Cotton Area Planted, Harvested, and Yield — States and United States: 2018 and 2019**

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama.....	510.0	540.0	494.0	532.0	863	928
Florida.....	117.0	112.0	93.0	110.0	532	895
Georgia.....	1,430.0	1,400.0	1,290.0	1,380.0	727	953
South Carolina.....	300.0	300.0	270.0	295.0	747	809
United States.....	14,100.3	13,735.7	9,990.8	11,612.5	882	823

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2020

**Cotton Production and Bales Ginned — States and United States: 2018 and 2019**

State	Production in 480-pound net weight bales <sup>1</sup>		Bales ginned in 480-pound net weight bales <sup>2</sup>	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 bales)	(1,000 bales)	(bales)	(bales)
Alabama.....	888.0	1,028.0	843,450	1,002,300
Florida.....	103.0	205.0	84,750	166,750
Georgia.....	1,955.0	2,740.0	2,003,650	2,798,300
South Carolina.....	420.0	497.0	376,200	436,850
United States.....	18,367.0	19,912.5	18,324,350	19,878,350

<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 2019 Summary](#), May 2020

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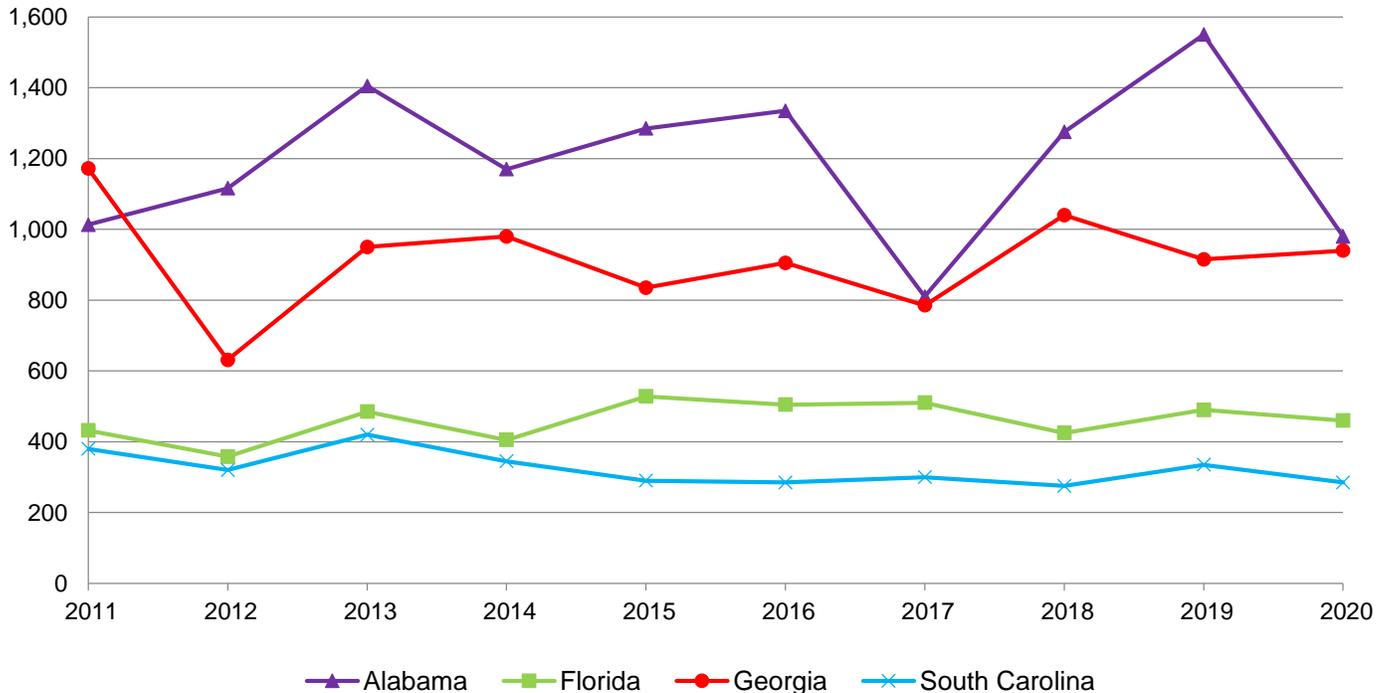
## Hay Stocks on Farms — States and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2018-2020

State	December 1		May 1	
	2018	2019	2019	2020
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama .....	1,750	1,100	200	120
Florida.....	570	540	80	80
Georgia.....	1,180	1,110	265	170
South Carolina.....	430	360	95	75
United States .....	79,055	84,488	14,906	20,426

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2020

## Hay Stocks Disappearance December to May – States: 2011-2020

1,000 tons



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