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

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Corn production in the United States is forecast at 14.7 billion bushels. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average a record high 178.4 bushels. Soybean production is forecast at 4.27 billion bushels, with an expected record high yield of 51.9 bushels. All cotton production in the United States is forecast at 17.0 million 480-pound bales, with an expected record high yield of 909 pounds per acre.

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

As is done every year in October, corn and soybean planted and harvested acreage estimates were reviewed and updated as needed based on all available data, including the latest certified acreage data from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Alabama: Corn area planted for all purposes is estimated at 340,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from the previous estimate. Production is forecast at 54.0 million bushels, up 20 percent from 2019. Cotton production is forecast at 890 million bales, down 2 percent from last month and down 13 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 710 million pounds, down 5 percent from last month but up 36 percent from 2019. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 280,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from the previous estimate. Production is forecast at 11.3 million bushels, down 3 percent from last month but up 20 percent from 2019.

Florida: Corn area planted for all purposes is estimated at 100,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from the previous estimate. Cotton production is forecast at 170,000 bales, down 6 percent from last month and down 17 percent from last year. With yield forecast at a record high 4,000 pounds per acre, peanut production is forecast at 660 million pounds, down 5 percent from last month but up 12 percent from 2019. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 18.1 million tons, up 3 percent from 2019.

Georgia: Corn area planted for all purposes is estimated at 430,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from the previous estimate. With yield forecast at record high 182 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is forecast at 69.2 million bushels, up 24 percent from 2019. Cotton production for 2020 is forecast at 2.40 million bales, down 12 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at a record high 3.60 billion pounds, unchanged from last month but up 31 percent from 2019. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 100,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from the previous estimate. Production is forecast at 3.63 million bushels, up 45 percent from 2019. Tobacco production, at 16.6 million pounds, is unchanged from last month. Pecan production is forecast at 125 million pounds, an increase of 71 percent from last year and if realized, the highest production since 2007.

South Carolina: Corn area planted for all purposes is estimated at 400,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from the previous estimate. With yield forecast at record high 136 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is forecast at 50.3 million bushels, up 36 percent from 2019. Cotton production is forecast at 310,000 bales, down 6 percent from last month and down 38 percent from 2019. Peanut production is forecast at 312 million pounds, unchanged from last month but up 32 percent from last year. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 310,000 acres, down 60,000 acres from the previous estimate and the lowest acreage since 1956. Production is forecast at 9.44 million bushels, up 15 percent from 2019. Tobacco production, at 9.6 million pounds, is forecast to be the lowest production since 1906.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2019 and Forecasted October 1, 2020

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020		2019	2020
						September 1	October 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn¹ (bushels)									
Alabama.....	320	340	305	325	147.0	163.0	166.0	44,835	53,950
Florida ²	95	100	54	56	161.0			8,694	
Georgia.....	395	430	350	380	160.0	181.0	182.0	56,000	69,160
South Carolina	380	400	350	370	106.0	136.0	136.0	37,100	50,320
United States	89,745	90,978	81,337	82,527	167.5	178.5	178.4	13,619,928	14,721,705
Cotton, all³ .. (bales)									
Alabama.....	540.0	450.0	532.0	445.0	928	976	960	1,028.0	890.0
Florida.....	112.0	100.0	110.0	98.0	895	882	833	205.0	170.0
Georgia.....	1,400.0	1,200.0	1,380.0	1,190.0	953	932	968	2,740.0	2,400.0
South Carolina	300.0	190.0	295.0	185.0	809	856	804	497.0	310.0
United States	13,735.7	12,115.5	11,612.5	9,005.3	823	910	909	19,912.5	17,045.0
Hay, all other.. (tons)									
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	700	720	2.50	(NA)	3.00	1,750	2,160
Florida ²	(NA)	(NA)	270	270	2.90	(NA)		783	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	560	610	2.75	(NA)	3.00	1,540	1,830
South Carolina ² ..	(NA)	(NA)	270	260	2.10	(NA)		567	
United States	(NA)	(NA)	35,682	36,029	2.07	(NA)	2.08	73,989	75,053
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	160.0	185.0	156.0	182.0	3,350	4,100	3,900	522,600	709,800
Florida.....	165.0	175.0	155.0	165.0	3,800	4,200	4,000	589,000	660,000
Georgia.....	675.0	810.0	660.0	800.0	4,170	4,500	4,500	2,752,200	3,600,000
South Carolina	65.0	85.0	62.0	82.0	3,800	3,800	3,800	235,600	311,600
United States	1,432.7	1,665.2	1,389.7	1,623.2	3,934	4,185	4,125	5,466,487	6,695,620
Soybeans.. (bushels)									
Alabama.....	265	280	260	275	36.0	38.0	41.0	9,360	11,275
Georgia.....	100	100	86	93	29.0	40.0	39.0	2,494	3,627
South Carolina	335	310	315	295	26.0	30.0	32.0	8,190	9,440
United States	76,100	83,105	74,939	82,289	47.4	51.9	51.9	3,551,908	4,267,890
Sugarcane⁴ ... (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	410.7	413.0	43.0	43.6	43.9	17,644	18,131
United States	(NA)	(NA)	913.2	932.3	35.0	36.6	36.6	31,937	34,083
Tobacco.... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	9.0	7.2	2,100	2,300	2,300	18,900	16,560
South Carolina	(NA)	(NA)	8.3	6.0	1,900	1,500	1,600	15,770	9,600
United States			227.1	195.5	2,060	1,880	1,983	467,956	387,585

(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 2020 Summary*, released January 2021.

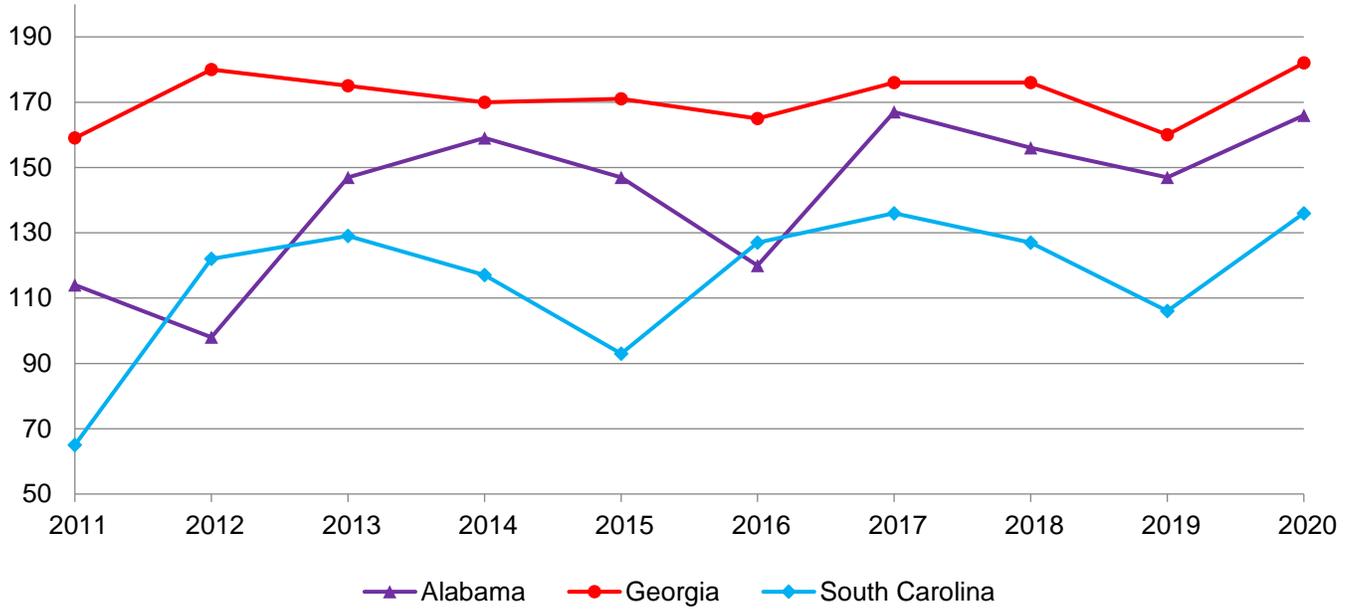
³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ For sugar and seed.

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

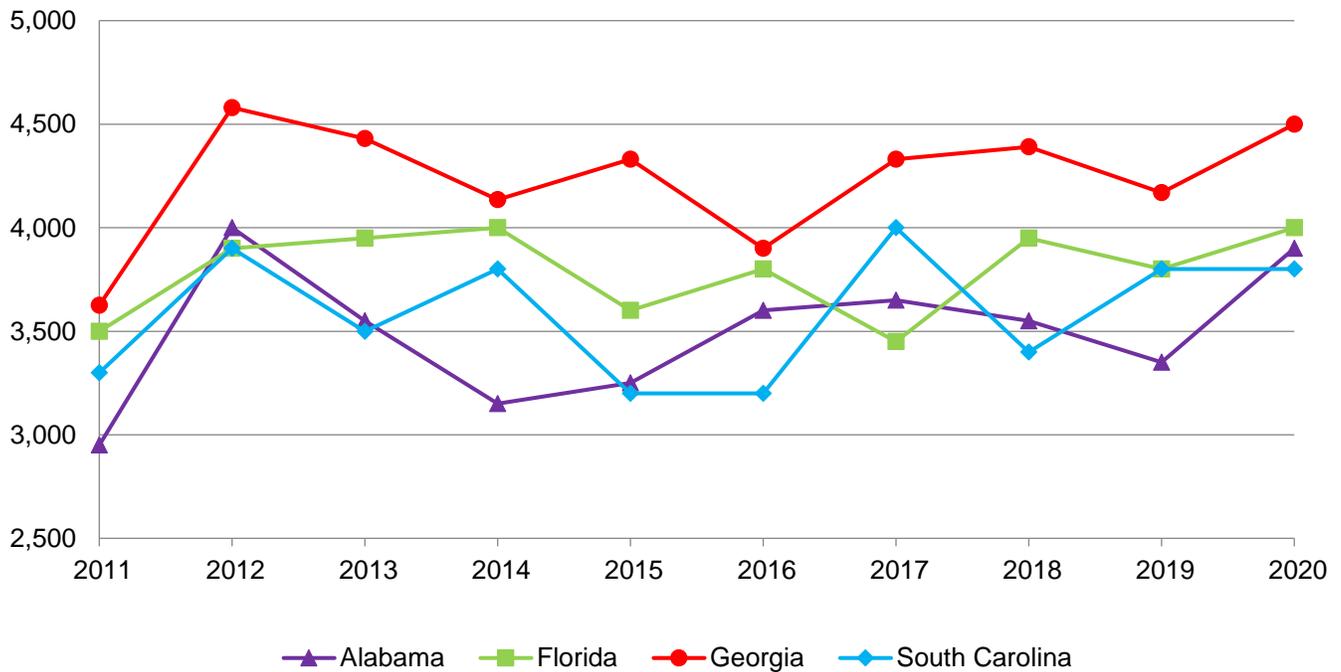
Corn Yield – States: 2011-2020

Bushels per acre



Peanut Yield – States: 2011-2020

Pounds per acre



Pecan Production – States and United States: 2019 and Forecasted October 1, 2020

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2019 (1,000 pounds)	2020 (1,000 pounds)
Georgia.....	73,000	125,000
United States	255,600	292,000

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

Pecan Utilized Production – Georgia: 2011-2020

1,000 pounds

