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December Crop Production**



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This report contains the results from the **2020 Cotton Ginnings, Cotton Objective Yield, Pecan Inquiry, and Sugarcane surveys.**  
Thanks to all who responded.

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Cotton production in the United States is forecast at 15.9 million bales, down 7 percent from last month and down 20 percent from last year. Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 34.9 million tons, up 9 percent from the previous year.

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

**Alabama:** Cotton production is forecast at 790,000 bales, down 4 percent from last month and down 23 percent from 2019.

**Florida:** Cotton production is forecast at 140,000 bales, down 10 percent from last month and down 32 percent from last year as a result of hurricane damage this year. Sugarcane production is forecast at 15.5 million tons, up 18 percent from the previous year.

**Georgia:** Cotton production is forecast at 2.30 million bales, down 4 percent from last month and down 16 percent from last year mainly due to a reduction in planted acreage this year. Pecan production is forecast at 135 million pounds, up 85 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the largest production since 2007.

**South Carolina:** Cotton production is forecast at 315,000 bales, down 3 percent from last month and down 37 percent from 2019 mainly due to a reduction in planted acreage this year.

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

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020		2019	2020
						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> .....									
Alabama .....	540.0	450.0	532.0	445.0	928	890	852	1,028.0	790.0
Florida .....	112.0	100.0	110.0	98.0	895	759	686	205.0	140.0
Georgia .....	1,400.0	1,200.0	1,380.0	1,190.0	953	968	928	2,740.0	2,300.0
South Carolina .....	300.0	190.0	295.0	185.0	809	843	817	497.0	315.0
United States .....	13,735.7	12,115.5	11,612.5	9,005.3	823	911	850	19,912.5	15,949.0
Sugarcane <sup>2</sup> .....									
Florida .....	(NA)	(NA)	410.7	414.0	43.0	43.9	44.1	17,644	18,257
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	913.2	934.1	35.0	36.2	37.4	31,937	34,944

(NA) Not available.

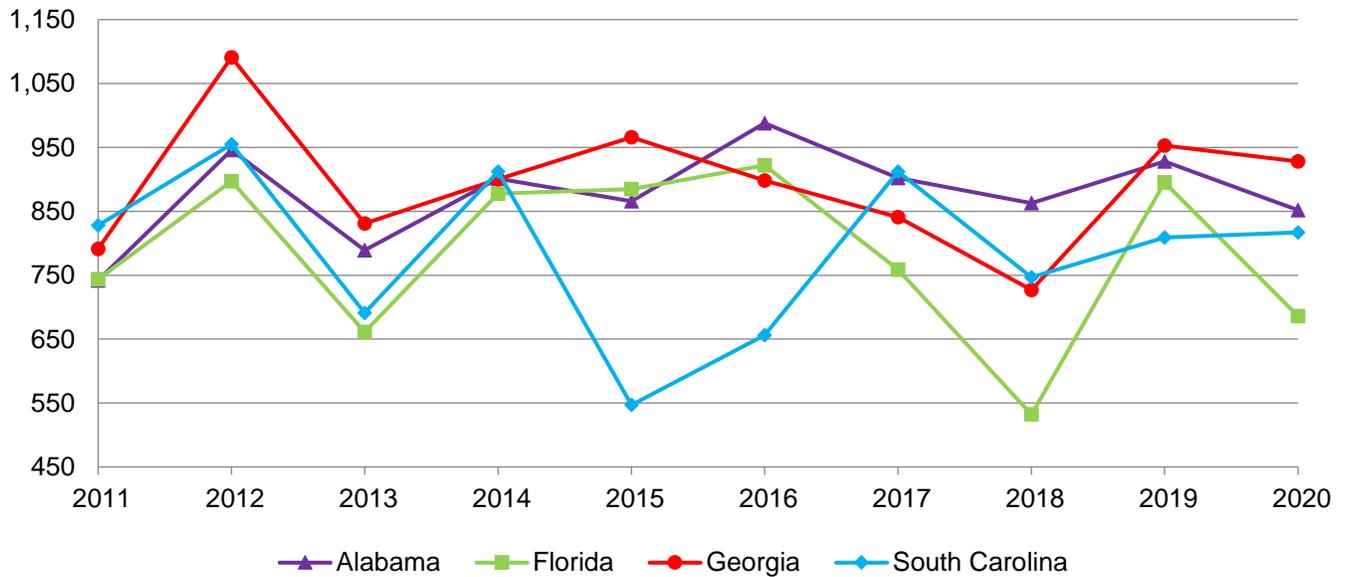
<sup>1</sup> Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

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

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

### Cotton Yield – States: 2011-2020

Pounds per acre



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

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2019 (1,000 pounds)	2020 (1,000 pounds)
Georgia.....	73,000	135,000
United States .....	255,600	306,500

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

### Pecan Utilized Production – Georgia: 2011-2020

1,000 pounds

