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This report contains the results from the December 2022 **Cotton Ginnings, Cotton Objective Yield, Pecan, and Sugarcane** 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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Cotton production in the United States is forecast at 14.2 million bales for 2022, up 2 percent from the previous forecast, but down 19 percent from last year. Sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 34.1 million tons, up 4 percent from the previous year.

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

Alabama: Cotton production is forecast at 815,000 bales, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 18 percent from 2021.

Florida: Cotton production, at 170,000 bales, is unchanged from the previous forecast but up 42 percent from last year. Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is forecast at 17.3 million tons, up 1 percent from 2021.

Georgia: Cotton production is forecast at 2.50 million bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 13 percent from 2021. Pecan production is forecast at 130 million pounds, up 47 percent from last year.

South Carolina: With yield forecast at 906 pounds per acre, cotton production is forecast at 500,000 bales, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 18 percent from 2021.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2021 and Forecasted December 1, 2022

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022		2021	2022
						November 1	December 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Cotton, all ¹(bales)									
Alabama	405.0	430.0	401.0	425.0	826	904	920	690.0	815.0
Florida	92.0	106.0	90.0	104.0	640	785	785	120.0	170.0
Georgia.....	1,170.0	1,290.0	1,160.0	1,280.0	914	938	938	2,210.0	2,500.0
South Carolina.....	210.0	270.0	207.0	265.0	986	897	906	425.0	500.0
United States.....	11,215.5	13,791.0	10,272.3	7,876.0	819	855	868	17,523.0	14,242.0
Sugarcane ² (tons)									
Florida	(NA)	(NA)	403.5	398.0	42.6	44.0	43.5	17,187	17,313
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	935.2	925.0	35.1	37.1	36.8	32,838	34,052

(NA) Not available.

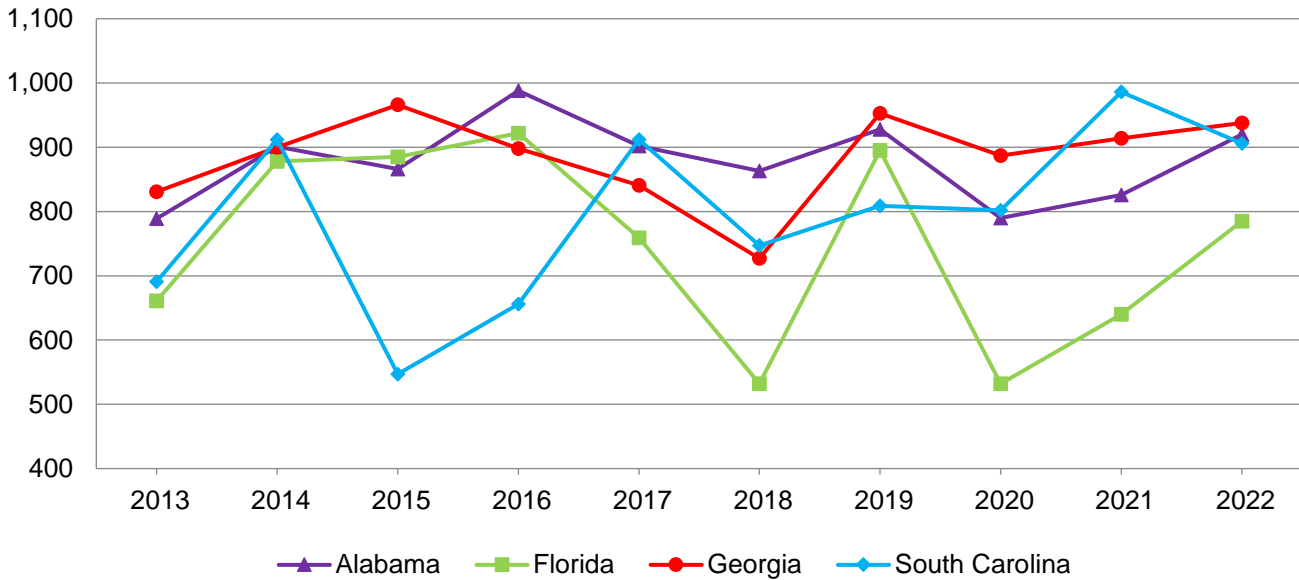
¹ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

² For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), December 2022

Cotton Yield – States: 2013-2022

Pounds per acre



Pecan Production – State and United States: 2021 and Forecasted December 1, 2022

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2021 (1,000 pounds)	2022 (1,000 pounds)
Georgia.....	88,600	130,000
United States	255,300	280,000

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), December 2022

Pecan Utilized Production – Georgia: 2013-2022

Million pounds

