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This report contains the results from the 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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**United States:** Cotton production in the United States is forecast at 12.8 million bales for 2023, down 2 percent from the previous forecast and down 12 percent from last year. Pecan production is forecast at 252 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 9 percent from 2022. Sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 32.9 million tons, up slightly from the previous forecast but down 5 percent from the previous year.

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

**Alabama:** Cotton production is forecast at 710,000 bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 15 percent from 2022.

**Florida:** Cotton production, at 100,000 bales, is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 39 percent from last year. Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is forecast at 18.1 million tons, up 1 percent from 2022.

**Georgia:** Cotton production is forecast at 2.35 million bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 11 percent from 2022. Pecan production is forecast at 91.0 million pounds, down 31 percent from last year.

**South Carolina:** With yield forecast at 866 pounds per acre, cotton production is forecast at 370,000 bales, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 27 percent from 2022.

**Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2022 and Forecasted December 1, 2023**

[Blank data cells indicate estimate period has not yet begun]

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023		2022	2023
						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> .....(bales)									
Alabama .....	435.0	380.0	430.0	375.0	930	909	909	833.0	710.0
Florida .....	106.0	89.0	103.0	87.0	769	552	552	165.0	100.0
Georgia.....	1,290.0	1,110.0	1,270.0	1,100.0	1,002	1,025	1,025	2,650.0	2,350.0
South Carolina.....	270.0	210.0	266.0	205.0	911	878	866	505.0	370.0
United States .....	13,761.0	10,232.5	7,307.7	8,020.9	950	783	765	14,468.0	12,776.0
Pecans <sup>2</sup> .....(pounds)									
Georgia.....	(X)	(X)	147		898	(X)	(X)	132,000	91,000
United States .....	(X)	(X)	409		679	(X)	(X)	277,700	251,500
Sugarcane <sup>3</sup> ..... (tons)									
Florida .....	(X)	(X)	401.9	400.0	44.6	45.4	45.3	17,931	18,120
United States .....	(X)	(X)	930.2	924.0	37.3	35.6	35.6	34,671	32,927

(X) Not applicable.

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

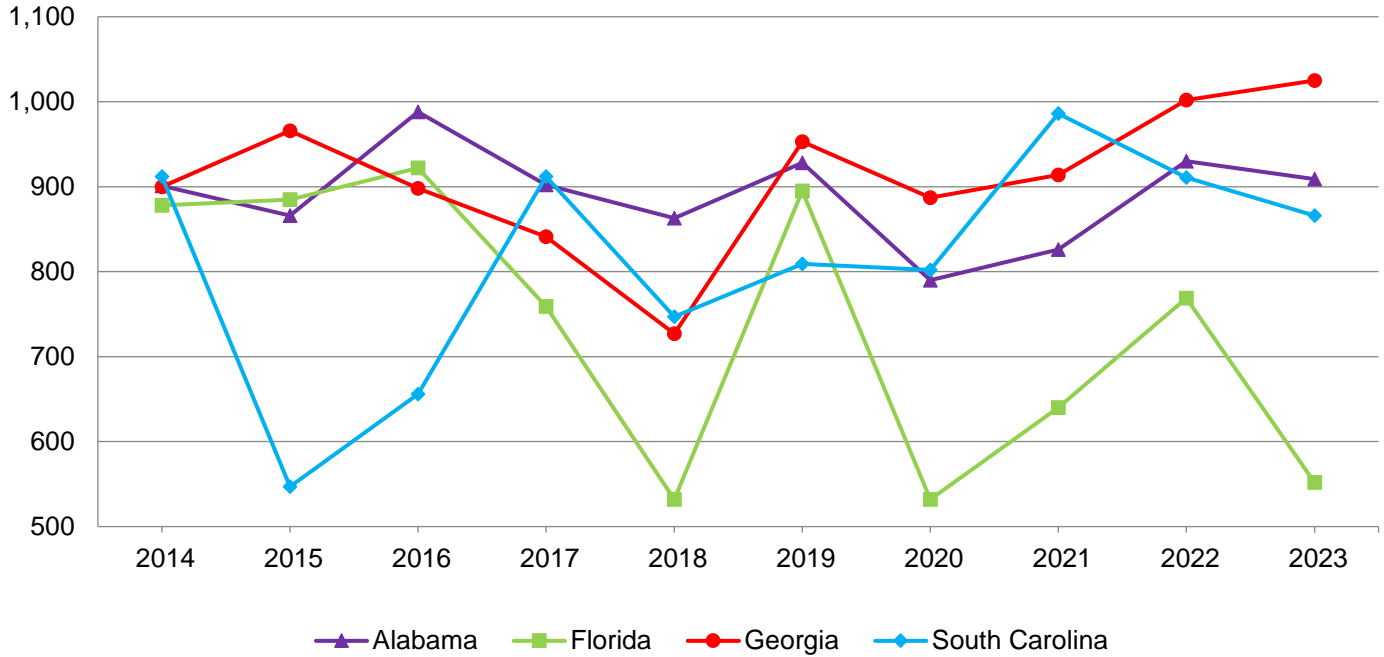
<sup>2</sup> Utilized production (in-shell basis).

<sup>3</sup> For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), December 2023

## Cotton Yield – States: 2014-2023

Pounds per acre



## Pecan Utilized Production – Georgia: 2014-2023

Million pounds

