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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2023 October Agricultural Yield, Cotton Objective Yield and Cotton Ginnings 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: Corn production for grain in the United States is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, down slightly from the previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 173.0 bushels per harvested acre, down 0.4 bushel from last year. United States soybean production is forecast at 4.10 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 4 percent from 2022. All cotton production in the United States is forecast at 12.8 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from the previous forecast and down 11 percent from 2022. Peanut production is forecast at 6.25 billion pounds in 2023, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but up 13 percent from 2022.

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

Alabama: Corn for grain production is forecast at 55.9 million bushels for 2023, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 63 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 167 bushels per acre. If realized, this would be a new state record yield per acre for corn. Cotton production is forecast at 680,000 bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 18 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 516 million pounds, down 9 percent from the previous forecast and down 7 percent from 2022. Soybean production is forecast at 14.1 million bushels for 2023, down 5 percent from the previous forecast and down 3 percent from 2022.

Florida: Cotton production is forecast at 100,000 bales for 2023, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 39 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 453 million pounds for 2023, down 6 percent from the previous forecast and down 21 percent from 2022. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 18.2 million tons for 2023, up 1 percent from 2022.

Georgia: Corn for grain production is forecast at 79.7 million bushels for 2023, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 18 percent from 2022. Cotton production for 2023 is forecast at 2.30 million bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 13 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 3.31 billion pounds, unchanged from the previous forecast and up 16 percent from 2022. With yield forecast at 40 bushels per acre, soybean production is forecast at 6.20 million bushels, down 5 percent from the previous forecast and down 4 percent from 2022. Tobacco production, at 12.6 million pounds, is unchanged from last year. Pecan production is forecast at 105 million pounds, down 20 percent from last year.

South Carolina: With yield forecast at 147 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is forecast at 52.2 million bushels for 2023, up 4 percent from the previous forecast and up 43 percent from 2022. If realized, this would be a new state record yield per acre for corn. Cotton production is forecast at 350,000 bales, up 6 percent from the previous forecast but down 31 percent from 2022. With yield forecast at 4,200 pounds per acre, peanut production is forecast at 307 million pounds, up 5 percent from the previous forecast and up 9 percent from last year. If realized, this would be a new state record yield per acre for peanuts. Soybean production is forecast at 13.7 million bushels, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 5 percent from 2022. Tobacco production is forecast at 13.3 million pounds, up 15 percent from 2022.

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

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023		2022	2023
						September 1	October 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn ¹ (bushels)									
Alabama.....	300	345	290	335	118.0	166.0	167.0	34,220	55,945
Florida ²	85	100	56	60	164.0			9,184	
Georgia.....	425	500	385	450	175.0	177.0	177.0	67,375	79,650
South Carolina	320	375	300	355	122.0	142.0	147.0	36,600	52,185
United States	88,589	94,868	79,115	87,096	173.4	173.8	173.0	13,714,676	15,064,420
Cotton, all ³ . (bales)									
Alabama.....	435.0	380.0	430.0	375.0	930	870	870	833.0	680.0
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	1,004	1,004	2,650.0	2,300.0
South Carolina	270.0	210.0	266.0	205.0	911	773	820	505.0	350.0
United States	13,761.0	10,232.5	7,307.7	8,020.9	950	786	767	14,468.0	12,817.0
Hay, all other.. (tons)									
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	680	680	2.70	(NA)	3.10	1,836	2,108
Florida ²	(NA)	(NA)	310	300	2.60	(NA)		806	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	550	570	2.80	(NA)	3.30	1,540	1,881
South Carolina ² .	(NA)	(NA)	270	270	2.20	(NA)		594	
United States	(NA)	(NA)	34,633	36,318	1.87	(NA)	1.93	64,843	70,093
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	165.0	175.0	163.0	172.0	3,400	3,300	3,000	554,200	516,000
Florida.....	150.0	160.0	142.0	151.0	4,050	3,200	3,000	575,100	453,000
Georgia.....	685.0	775.0	680.0	770.0	4,210	4,300	4,300	2,862,800	3,311,000
South Carolina	71.0	76.0	68.0	73.0	4,150	4,000	4,200	282,200	306,600
United States	1,450.3	1,650.0	1,383.1	1,599.8	4,008	3,953	3,905	5,542,893	6,247,460
Soybeans..(bushels)									
Alabama.....	360	350	355	345	41.0	43.0	41.0	14,555	14,145
Georgia.....	165	160	158	155	41.0	42.0	40.0	6,478	6,200
South Carolina	405	395	390	380	37.0	36.0	36.0	14,430	13,680
United States	87,450	83,600	86,169	82,791	49.6	50.1	49.6	4,270,196	4,104,379
Sugarcane ⁴ .. (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	401.9	399.0	44.6	45.5	45.5	17,931	18,155
United States	(NA)	(NA)	930.2	928.0	37.3	34.9	35.2	34,671	32,691
Tobacco.... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	6.0	6.3	2,100	2,000	2,000	12,600	12,600
South Carolina	(NA)	(NA)	5.8	5.8	2,000	2,100	2,300	11,600	13,340
United States	(NA)	(NA)	201.8	190.6	2,217	2,153	2,253	447,367	429,445

(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 2023 Summary*, released January 2024.

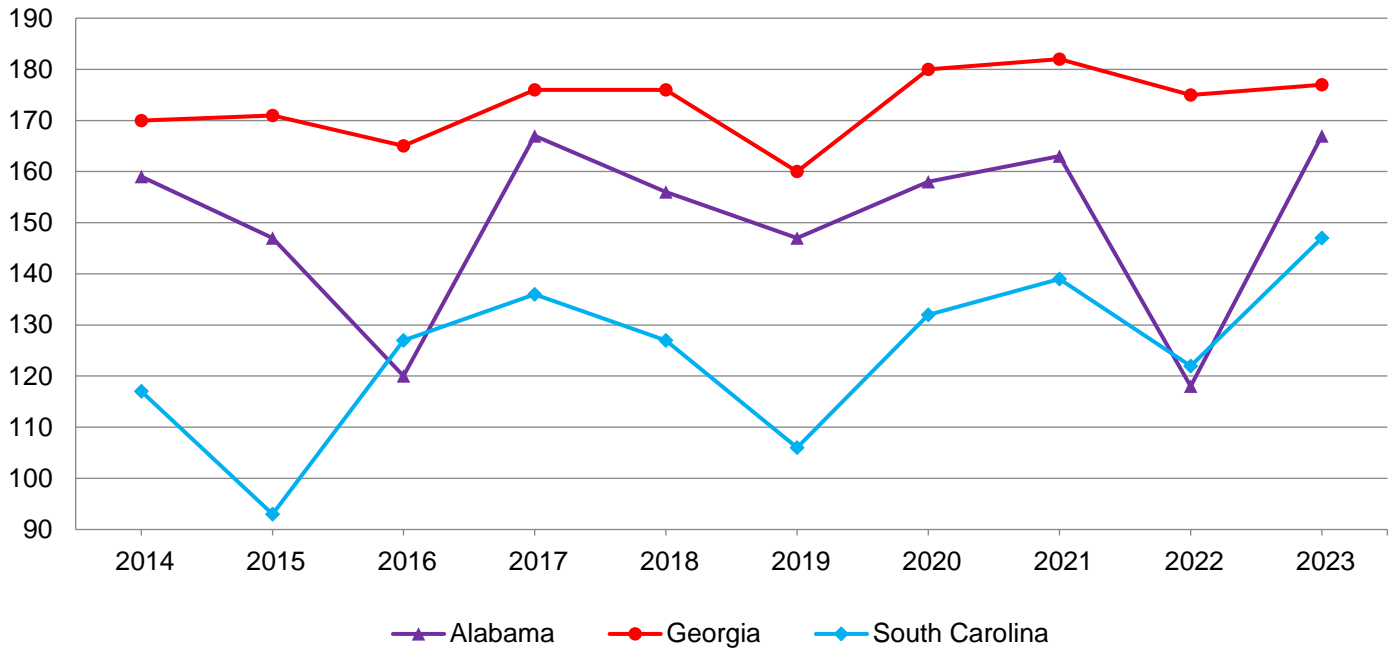
³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ For sugar and seed.

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

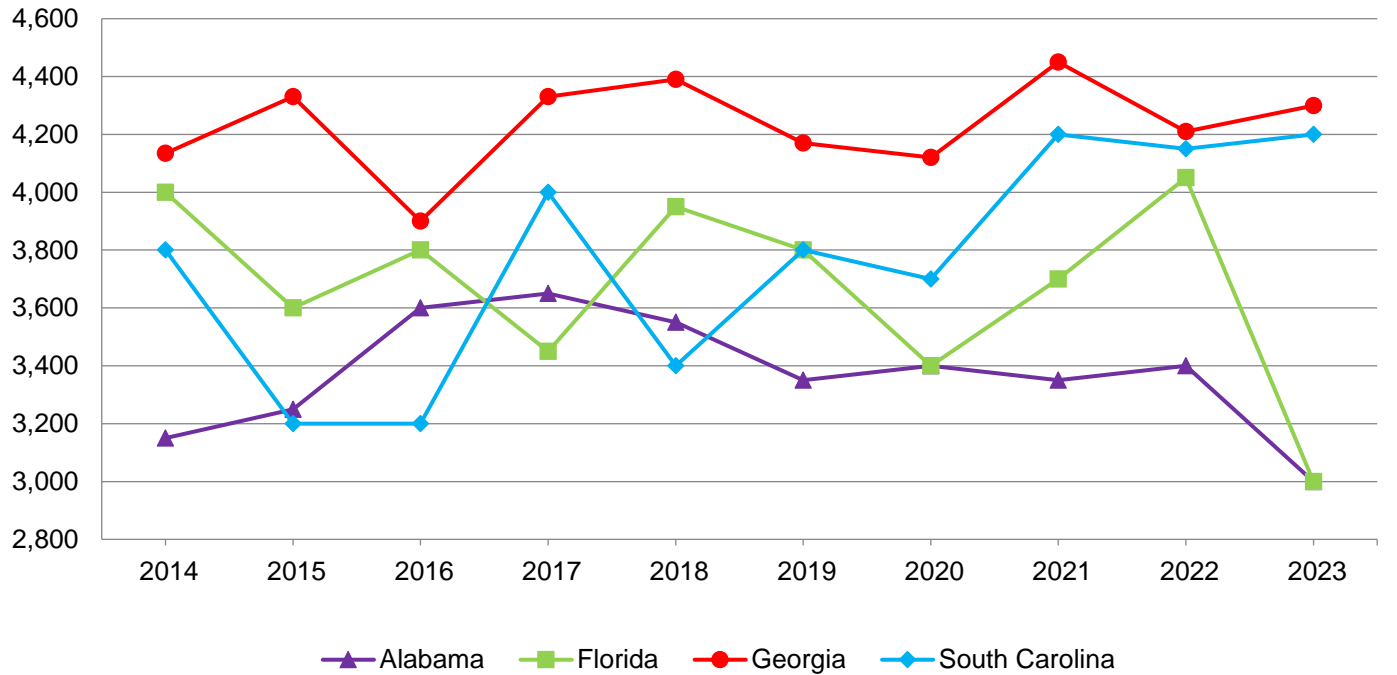
Corn Yield – States: 2014-2023

Bushels per acre



Peanut Yield – States: 2014-2023

Pounds per acre



Pecan Production – State and United States: 2022 and Forecasted October 1, 2023

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2022 (1,000 pounds)	2023 (1,000 pounds)
Georgia.....	132,000	105,000
United States	277,700	248,000

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Pecan Utilized Production – Georgia: 2014-2023

Million pounds

