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Corn and Cotton Planting Intentions Across the Southern Region Down for 2014 While Peanut Acres Are Up

Corn producers, in Alabama, are expected to plant 290,000 acres of corn for harvest this year, 30,000 acres below 2013. Florida is estimated to have 80,000 total acres planted to corn in 2014, 35,000 acres below last year. Georgia is estimated to have 370,000 total acres planted to corn in 2014, 140,000 acres below last year. South Carolina is estimated to have 320,000 total acres planted to corn in 2014, 30,000 acres below last year. Nationally, all planted corn acres is expected to total 91.7 million acres, 3.67 million acres below 2013.

Acres planted to **cotton** in Alabama for 2014 is estimated at 340,000 acres, 25,000 acres below 2013. Florida cotton growers are expected to plant 110,000 acres, 21,000 acres below last year. In Georgia, acres planted to cotton are estimated at 1,350,000 acres, 20,000 acres below the previous year. South Carolina cotton growers are expected to plant 250,000 acres, 8,000 acres below last year. Total planted cotton acres in the United States are estimated at 11.1 million acres for 2014, 694,000 acres above 2013.

Peanut planted acres in Alabama are expected to total 165,000 acres for 2014, 25,000 acres above last year. Florida is estimated to plant 150,000 acres, 10,000 acres above 2013. Georgia peanut growers are expected to plant 660,000 acres this year, 230,000 acres above 2013. South Carolina peanut growers are expected to plant 95,000 acres this year, 14,000 acres above 2013. Total acres of peanuts planted in the United States are expected to total 1.38 million acres. This is 309,000 acres above last year's planted acreage total of 1.07 million acres.

Crop Area Planted — States and United States: 2012-2014

Crop and State	Area planted			
	2012	2013	2014 ¹	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn				
Alabama.....	310	320	290	91
Florida.....	75	115	80	70
Georgia.....	345	510	370	73
South Carolina.....	330	350	320	91
United States.....	97,155	95,365	91,691	96
Cotton, all				
Alabama.....	380.0	365.0	340.0	93
Florida.....	108.0	131.0	110.0	84
Georgia.....	1,290.0	1,370.0	1,350.0	99
South Carolina.....	299.0	258.0	250.0	97
United States.....	12,314.4	10,407.0	11,101.0	107
Hay, all ²				
Alabama.....	860	790	750	95
Florida.....	320	300	320	107
Georgia.....	580	580	540	93
South Carolina.....	250	290	300	103
United States.....	56,260	58,257	58,267	100
Oats ³				
Alabama.....	60	60	60	100
Georgia.....	60	50	40	80
South Carolina.....	28	20	25	125
United States.....	2,760	3,010	2,794	93
Peanuts				
Alabama.....	220	140	165	118
Florida.....	210	140	150	107
Georgia.....	735	430	660	153
South Carolina.....	110	81	95	117
United States.....	1,638	1,067	1,376	129
Potatoes				
Florida.....	37.1	30.9	30.5	99
United States.....	96.9	75.9	75.5	99
Sorghum				
Georgia.....	55	55	45	82
United States.....	6,244	8,061	6,681	83
Soybeans				
Alabama.....	340	435	500	115
Florida.....	21	32	38	119
Georgia.....	220	230	240	104
South Carolina.....	380	320	360	113
United States.....	77,198	76,533	81,493	106
Sweet potatoes				
Alabama.....	2.7	2.5	2.1	84
Florida.....	6.4	6.0	6.0	100
United States.....	130.5	115.7	126.3	109
Tobacco ²				
Georgia.....	10.0	12.8	13.3	104
South Carolina.....	12.0	14.5	15.0	103
United States.....	336.2	355.7	361.9	102
Winter wheat ³				
Alabama.....	220	300	230	77
Florida.....	20	25	15	60
Georgia.....	290	420	280	67
South Carolina.....	235	270	230	85
United States.....	41,224	43,090	42,007	97

¹ Intended plantings in 2014 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2014 as indicated by farmers.

³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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