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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated a record high soybean planted area for 2015 at 84.6 million acres, up 1% from last year. Corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 89.2 million acres, down 2% from 2014. All cotton planted area for 2015 is estimated at 9.55 million acres, 13% below last year. Peanuts planted are estimated at 1.48 million acres, up 9% from the previous year.

Key findings for the Southern Region:

Alabama: Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 270,000 acres, down 10% from 2014. Acres planted to cotton are forecasted down 14% to 300,000 acres. Area harvested for hay is estimated down 5% from last year. Peanuts are forecasted at 185,000 acres, up 6% from 2014 planted acres. Soybeans planted are up 1% from last year. Winter wheat planted for 2015 is down 18% from last year.

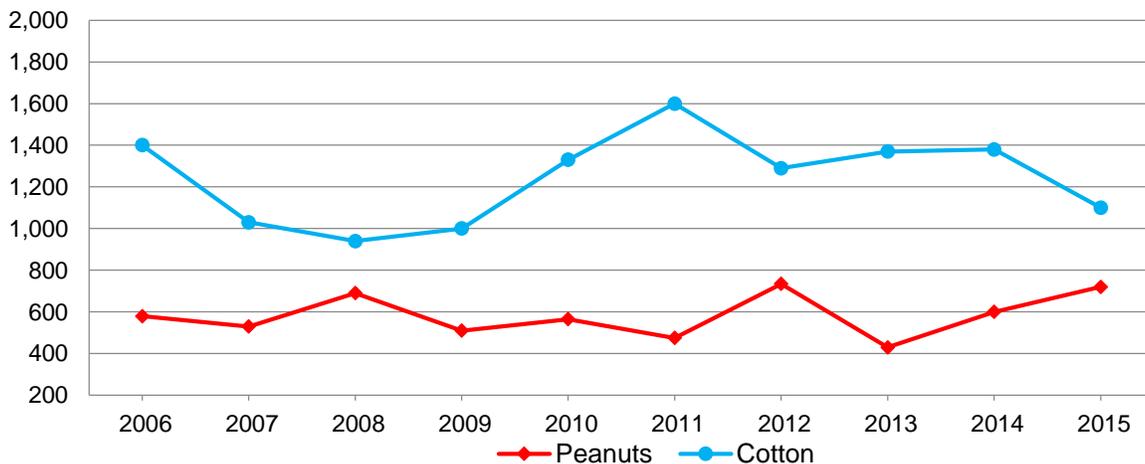
Florida: Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 80,000 acres, up 7% from 2014. Acres planted to cotton are forecasted down 16% to 90,000 acres. Area harvested for hay is estimated down 6% from last year. Peanuts are forecasted at 160,000 acres, down 9% from 2014 planted acres. Soybeans planted are down 5% from last year. Winter wheat planted for 2015 is up 67% from last year.

Georgia: Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 305,000 acres, down 13% from 2014. Acres planted to cotton are forecasted down 20% to 1.10 million acres. Area harvested for hay is estimated down 3% from last year. Peanuts are forecasted at 720,000 acres, up 20% from 2014 planted acres. Soybeans planted acres at 370,000 are up 23% from last year. Winter wheat planted for 2015 is up 10% from last year.

South Carolina: Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 290,000 acres, down 2% from 2014. Acres planted to cotton are forecasted down 16% to 235,000 acres. Area harvested for hay is estimated at 270,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Peanuts are forecasted at 115,000 acres, up 3% from 2014 planted acres. Soybeans planted are down 4% from last year. Winter wheat planted for 2015 is down 20% from last year.

Cotton and Peanut Planted Area - Georgia

1,000 acres



Crop Area Planted — States and United States: 2013-2015

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year (percent)
	2013 (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 ¹ (1,000 acres)	
Corn				
Alabama.....	320	300	270	90
Florida.....	115	75	80	107
Georgia.....	510	350	305	87
South Carolina.....	350	295	290	98
United States.....	95,365	90,597	89,199	98
Cotton, all				
Alabama.....	365.0	350.0	300.0	86
Florida.....	131.0	107.0	90.0	84
Georgia.....	1,370.0	1,380.0	1,100.0	80
South Carolina.....	258.0	280.0	235.0	84
United States.....	10,407.0	11,037.0	9,549.0	87
Hay, all ²				
Alabama.....	790	750	710	95
Florida.....	300	320	300	94
Georgia.....	580	580	560	97
South Carolina.....	290	270	270	100
United States.....	57,897	57,092	57,093	100
Oats ³				
Alabama.....	60	50	60	120
Georgia.....	50	60	70	117
South Carolina.....	20	21	22	105
United States.....	2,980	2,723	2,931	108
Peanuts				
Alabama.....	140.0	175.0	185.0	106
Florida.....	140.0	175.0	160.0	91
Georgia.....	430.0	600.0	720.0	120
South Carolina.....	81.0	112.0	115.0	103
United States.....	1,067.0	1,354.0	1,481.0	109
Potatoes, spring				
Florida.....	30.9	30.5	27.0	89
United States.....	75.9	73.8	73.0	99
Soybeans				
Alabama.....	440	485	490	101
Florida.....	32	39	37	95
Georgia.....	235	300	370	123
South Carolina.....	320	450	430	96
United States.....	76,840	83,701	84,635	101
Tobacco ²				
Georgia.....	12.8	15.0	12.5	83
South Carolina.....	14.5	15.8	13.0	82
United States.....	355.7	378.4	345.3	91
Wheat, winter ³				
Alabama.....	310	255	210	82
Florida.....	25	15	25	167
Georgia.....	430	300	330	110
South Carolina.....	280	230	185	80
United States.....	43,230	42,399	40,751	96

¹ Intended plantings in 2015 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2015 as indicated by farmers.

³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Prospective Plantings*, March 2015.