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Prospective Plantings



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The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated a record high 89.5 million acres of soybean planted area for 2017, up 7 percent from last year. Corn planted area is estimated at 90.0 million acres, down 4 percent from 2016. All cotton planted area is estimated at 12.2 million acres, 21 percent above last year. Peanuts planted are estimated at 1.75 million acres, up 5 percent.

Key findings for the Southern Region:

Alabama: Corn planted is estimated at 240,000 acres, down 27 percent from 2016. Cotton planted is forecast up 25 percent at 430,000 acres. Peanuts at 190,000 acres are up 9 percent from the 2016 planted acres. Soybeans planted are up 7 percent to 450,000 acres. Winter wheat planted for 2017 is down 30 percent from last year.

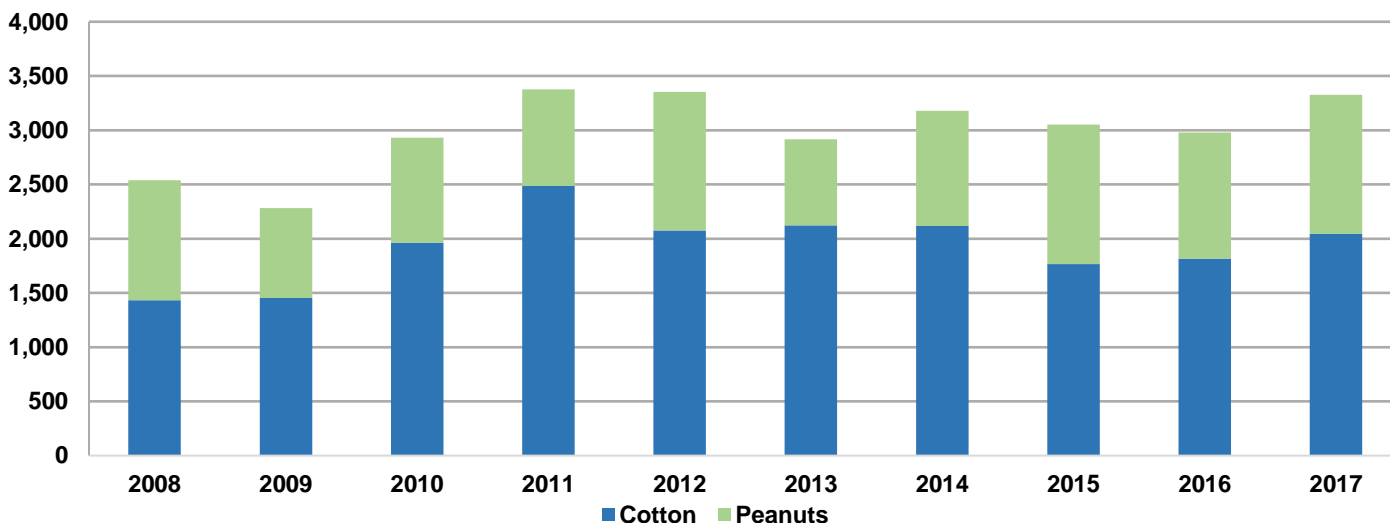
Florida: Corn planted is estimated at 70,000 acres, down 12 percent from 2016. Cotton planted is forecast down 17 percent at 85,000 acres. Peanuts at 170,000 acres are up 10 percent from the 2016 planted acres. Soybeans planted are down 19 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted for 2017 is down 20 percent from last year.

Georgia: Corn planted is estimated at 340,000 acres, down 17 percent from 2016. Cotton planted is forecast up 10 percent at 1.30 million acres. Peanuts at 785,000 acres are up 9 percent from the 2016 planted acres. If realized, this ties 2015 for the record high peanut planted acreage. Soybeans planted acres are down 4 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted for 2017 is down 11 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Corn planted is estimated at 340,000 acres, down 9 percent from 2016. Cotton planted is forecast up 21 percent to 230,000 acres. Peanuts at 135,000 acres are up 23 percent from the 2016 planted acres. If realized, this is will a record high peanut planted acreage. Soybeans planted at 420,000 acres is unchanged from last year. Winter wheat planted at 90,000 acres is up 50 percent from last year.

Southern Region Cotton and Peanut Acreage: 2008 - 2017

Thousand acres



Small Grain Area Planted — States and United States: 2015-2017

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2015	2016	2017 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Oats ²				
Alabama.....	55	50	40	80
Georgia.....	65	45	45	100
South Carolina.....	24	17	18	106
United States.....	3,088	2,828	2,699	95
Wheat, winter ²				
Alabama.....	260	230	160	70
Florida.....	25	25	20	80
Georgia.....	215	180	160	89
South Carolina.....	170	60	90	150
United States.....	39,681	36,137	32,747	91

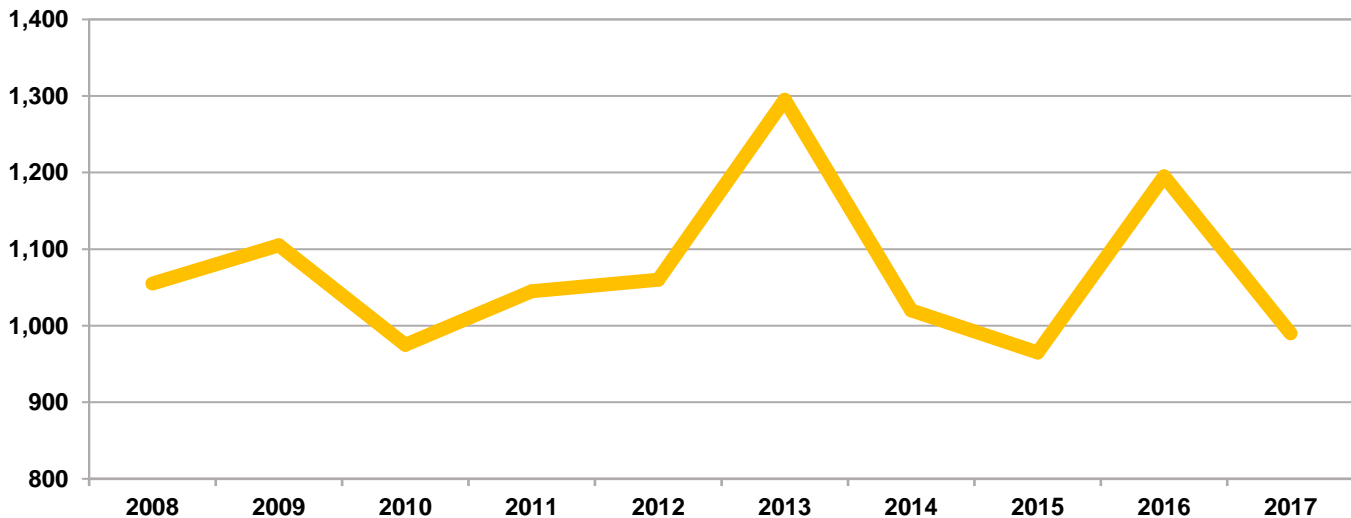
¹ Intended plantings in 2017 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Prospective Plantings*, March 2017.

Southern Region Corn Planted: 2008 - 2017

Thousand acres



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Row Crop and Other Crops — States and United States: 2015-2017

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2015	2016	2017 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn ²				
Alabama	260	330	240	73
Florida	80	80	70	88
Georgia.....	330	410	340	83
South Carolina.....	295	375	340	91
United States	88,019	94,004	89,996	96
Cotton, all				
Alabama	315.0	345.0	430.0	125
Florida	85.0	102.0	85.0	83
Georgia.....	1,130.0	1,180.0	1,300.0	110
South Carolina.....	235.0	190.0	230.0	121
United States	8,580.5	10,074.5	12,233.0	121
Hay ³				
Alabama	730	810	800	99
Florida	290	300	300	100
Georgia.....	570	600	580	97
South Carolina.....	300	320	310	97
United States	54,447	53,461	52,811	99
Peanuts				
Alabama	200.0	175.0	190.0	109
Florida	190.0	155.0	170.0	110
Georgia.....	785.0	720.0	785.0	109
South Carolina.....	112.0	110.0	135.0	123
United States	1,625.0	1,671.0	1,751.0	105
Sorghum ²				
Georgia.....	50	20	18	90
United States	8,459	6,690	5,757	86
Soybeans				
Alabama	500	420	450	107
Florida	33	31	25	81
Georgia.....	325	260	250	96
South Carolina.....	475	420	420	100
United States	82,650	83,433	89,482	107
Sweet Potatoes				
Florida	5.6	(D)	5.4	(D)
United States	156.9	168.1	158.4	94
Tobacco ³				
Georgia.....	13.5	13.5	12.0	89
South Carolina.....	13.0	13.0	12.0	92
United States	328.7	319.7	318.0	99

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Intended plantings in 2017 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

³ Intended area harvested in 2017 as indicated by farmers.

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