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**Prospective Plantings**



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The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated corn planted area for all purposes in 2019 at 92.8 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. Soybean planted area is estimated at 84.6 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. All wheat planted area, at 45.8 million acres is down 4 percent from 2018 and represents the lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. All cotton planted area for 2019 is estimated at 13.8 million acres, 2 percent below last year.

**Key findings for the Southern Region:**

**Alabama:** Corn planted is estimated at 280,000 acres, up 8 percent from 2018. Cotton planted intentions, at 510,000 acres, are unchanged from last year. Peanuts are estimated at 170,000 acres, up 3 percent from 2018. Producers intend to plant 280,000 acres of soybeans, a 19 percent decrease from last year. Winter wheat planted is estimated at 170,000 acres, up 6 percent from last year.

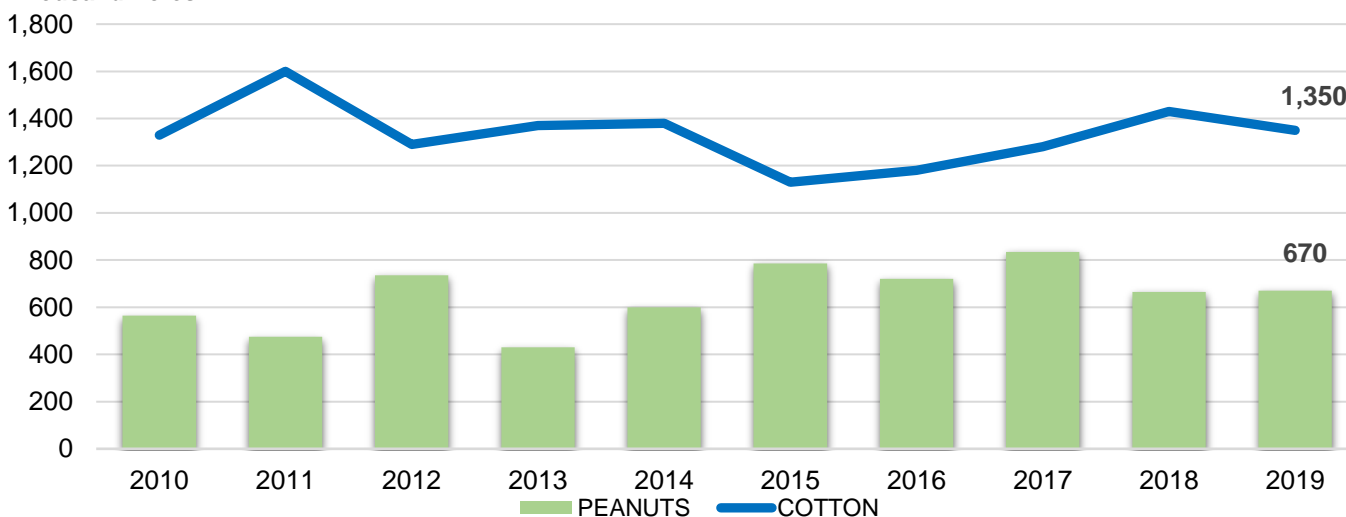
**Florida:** Corn planted is estimated at 80,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 2018. Cotton planted intentions are down 23 percent at 90,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 170,000 acres, up 10 percent from 2018.

**Georgia:** Corn planted is estimated at 380,000 acres, up 17 percent from 2018. Cotton planted intentions are down 6 percent at 1.35 million acres. Peanuts are estimated at 670,000 acres, up 1 percent from 2018. Producers intend to plant 130,000 acres of soybeans, a 10 percent decrease from last year. Winter wheat planted is estimated at 210,000 acres, up 5 percent from last year.

**South Carolina:** Corn planted is estimated at 400,000 acres, up 18 percent from 2018. Cotton planted intentions are down 3 percent at 290,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 65,000 acres, down 25 percent from 2018. Producers intend to plant 330,000 acres of soybeans, a 15 percent decrease from last year. Winter wheat planted is estimated at 60,000 acres, down 25 percent from last year.

**Georgia Cotton and Peanut Acres: 2010-2019**

Thousand Acres



## Small Grain Area Planted — States and United States: 2017-2019

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>1</sup>	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Oats <sup>2</sup>				
Georgia.....	50	60	70	117
United States .....	2,589	2,746	2,555	93
Wheat, winter <sup>2</sup>				
Alabama.....	150	160	170	106
Georgia.....	160	200	210	105
South Carolina .....	90	80	60	75
United States .....	32,726	32,535	31,504	97

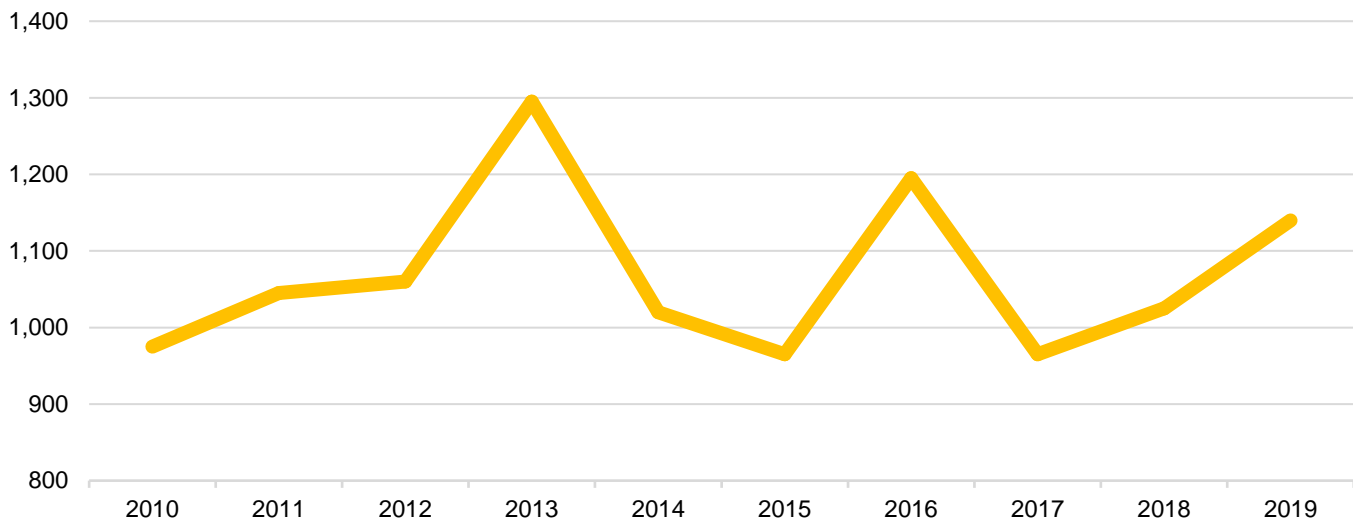
<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2019 as indicated by reports from farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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## Southern Region Corn Planted: 2010-2019

Thousand acres



**Row Crop and Other Crops — States and United States: 2017-2019**

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>1</sup>	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
<b>Corn <sup>2</sup></b>				
Alabama .....	250	260	280	108
Florida .....	75	100	80	80
Georgia.....	290	325	380	117
South Carolina.....	350	340	400	118
United States .....	90,167	89,129	92,792	104
<b>Cotton, all</b>				
Alabama .....	435.0	510.0	510.0	100
Florida .....	99.0	117.0	90.0	77
Georgia.....	1,280.0	1,430.0	1,350.0	94
South Carolina.....	250.0	300.0	290.0	97
United States .....	12,717.5	14,099.0	13,780.0	98
<b>Hay <sup>3</sup></b>				
Alabama .....	860	850	770	91
Florida .....	300	280	300	107
Georgia.....	620	600	610	102
South Carolina.....	300	270	270	100
United States .....	52,777	52,839	53,090	100
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Alabama .....	195.0	165.0	170.0	103
Florida .....	195.0	155.0	170.0	110
Georgia.....	835.0	665.0	670.0	101
South Carolina.....	122.0	87.0	65.0	75
United States .....	1,871.6	1,425.5	1,449.0	102
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Alabama .....	350	345	280	81
Georgia.....	155	145	130	90
South Carolina.....	400	390	330	85
United States .....	90,162	89,196	84,617	95
<b>Tobacco <sup>3</sup></b>				
Georgia.....	12.5	12.5	12.0	96
South Carolina.....	12.0	12.3	11.0	89
United States .....	321.5	291.4	244.0	84

<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2019 as indicated by reports from farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain

<sup>3</sup> Intended area harvested in 2019 as indicated by reports from farmers.

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