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This report contains the results from the **March Agricultural Survey** which was conducted during the first two weeks of March 2021. The estimates provided in this report are intended to reflect grower planting intentions as of the survey period. New acreage estimates will be made based on surveys conducted in June when crop acreages have been established or planting intentions are firm. Thanks to all the farm operators who responded to this survey and made these estimates possible.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated corn planted area for all purposes in 2021 at 91.1 million acres, up less than 1 percent from last year. Soybean planted area is estimated at 87.6 million acres, up 5 percent from last year. All wheat planted area, at 46.4 million acres is up 5 percent from 2020 and represents the fourth lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. All cotton planted area for 2021 is estimated at 12.0 million acres, down less than 1 percent from last year.

Key findings for the Southern Region:

Alabama: Corn planted is estimated at 330,000 acres, unchanged from 2020. Cotton planted intentions are also unchanged from last year at 450,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 190,000 acres, up 3 percent from 2020. Producers intend to plant 290,000 acres of soybeans in 2021, a 4 percent increase from last year. Winter wheat planted is estimated at 180,000 acres, up 33 percent from last year.

Florida: Corn planted is estimated at 110,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2020. Cotton planted intentions are up 12 percent from last year at 110,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 180,000 acres, up 3 percent from 2020.

Georgia: Corn planted is estimated at 480,000 acres, up 14 percent from 2020. If realized, this will be the largest corn acreage for Georgia since 2013. Cotton planted intentions are up 1 percent from last year at 1.20 million acres. Peanuts are estimated at 790,000 acres, down 2 percent from 2020. Producers intend to plant 110,000 acres of soybeans in 2021, a 10 percent increase from last year. Tobacco acreage at 7,000 acres is down 11 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted is estimated at 210,000 acres, up 11 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Corn planted is estimated at 390,000 acres, down 2 percent from 2020. Cotton planted intentions are unchanged from last year at 190,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 65,000 acres, down 24 percent from 2020. Producers intend to plant 390,000 acres of soybeans in 2021, a 26 percent increase from last year. Tobacco acreage at 6,500 acres is up 8 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted is estimated at 130,000 acres, up 18 percent from last year.

Row Crop and Other Crops – States and United States: 2019-2021

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2019	2020	2021 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn ²				
Alabama	320	330	330	100
Florida	95	100	110	110
Georgia.....	395	420	480	114
South Carolina.....	380	400	390	98
United States	89,745	90,819	91,144	100
Cotton, all				
Alabama	540.0	450.0	450.0	100
Florida	112.0	98.0	110.0	112
Georgia.....	1,400.0	1,190.0	1,200.0	101
South Carolina.....	300.0	190.0	190.0	100
United States	13,735.7	12,092.5	12,036.0	100
Hay ³				
Alabama	700	750	750	100
Florida	270	280	270	96
Georgia.....	560	570	560	98
South Carolina.....	270	310	320	103
United States	52,425	52,238	51,714	99
Peanuts				
Alabama	160.0	185.0	190.0	103
Florida	165.0	175.0	180.0	103
Georgia.....	675.0	810.0	790.0	98
South Carolina.....	65.0	85.0	65.0	76
United States	1,432.7	1,664.2	1,625.5	98
Soybeans				
Alabama	265	280	290	104
Georgia.....	100	100	110	110
South Carolina.....	335	310	390	126
United States	76,100	83,084	87,600	105
Tobacco ³				
Georgia.....	9.0	7.9	7.0	89
South Carolina.....	8.3	6.0	6.5	108
United States	227.1	198.1	195.8	99

¹ Intended plantings in 2021 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Planted for all purposes.

³ Intended area harvested in 2021 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Prospective Plantings](#), March 2021

Small Grain Area Planted – States and United States: 2019-2021

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2019	2020	2021 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Oats ²				
Georgia.....	70	80	70	88
United States	2,830	2,984	2,488	83
Wheat, winter ²				
Alabama	130	135	180	133
Georgia.....	150	190	210	111
South Carolina.....	70	110	130	118
United States	31,474	30,415	33,078	109

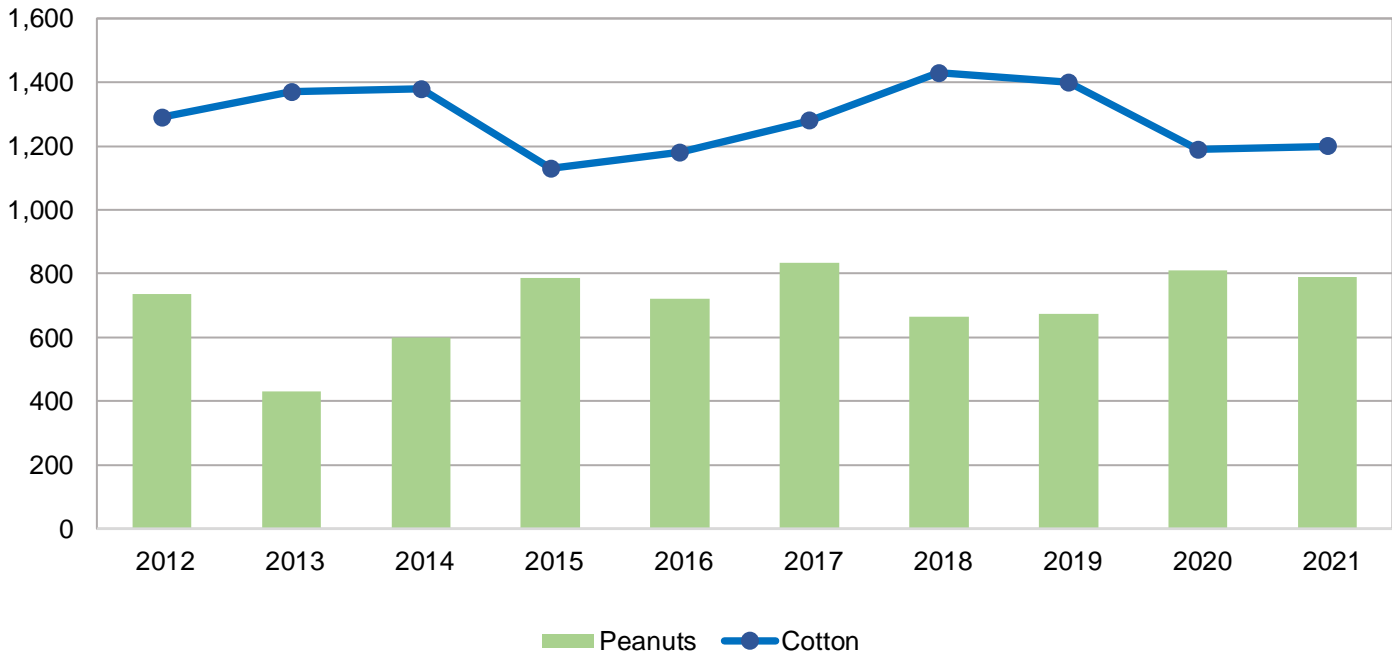
¹ Intended plantings in 2021 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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Georgia Peanuts and Cotton Planted Area: 2012-2021

Thousand acres



Winter Wheat Acres Planted – States: 2012-2021

Thousand acres

