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Winter Wheat Production Down

Winter wheat production in the United States totaled 1.37 billion bushels in 2015, down less than 1 percent from 2014. The yield, at 42.5 bushels per acre, is down 0.1 bushel from the previous year. National oat production is estimated at 89.5 million bushels, up 27 percent from the 2014 total of 70.2 million bushels. Yield is estimated at 70.2 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from the previous year, and represents a new record high for the United States. Rye production for 2015 is estimated at 11.5 million bushels, up 60 percent from the 2014 total.

Key findings for the Southern Region include:

Alabama: Oat yield at 50 bushels per acre is down 15 bushels from last year’s record high 65 bushels per acre, but with a 5,000 acre increase in harvested acreage, production is up 3 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted acreage is up 5,000 but harvested acreage is down 5,000 resulting in a production that is down 4 percent from last year.

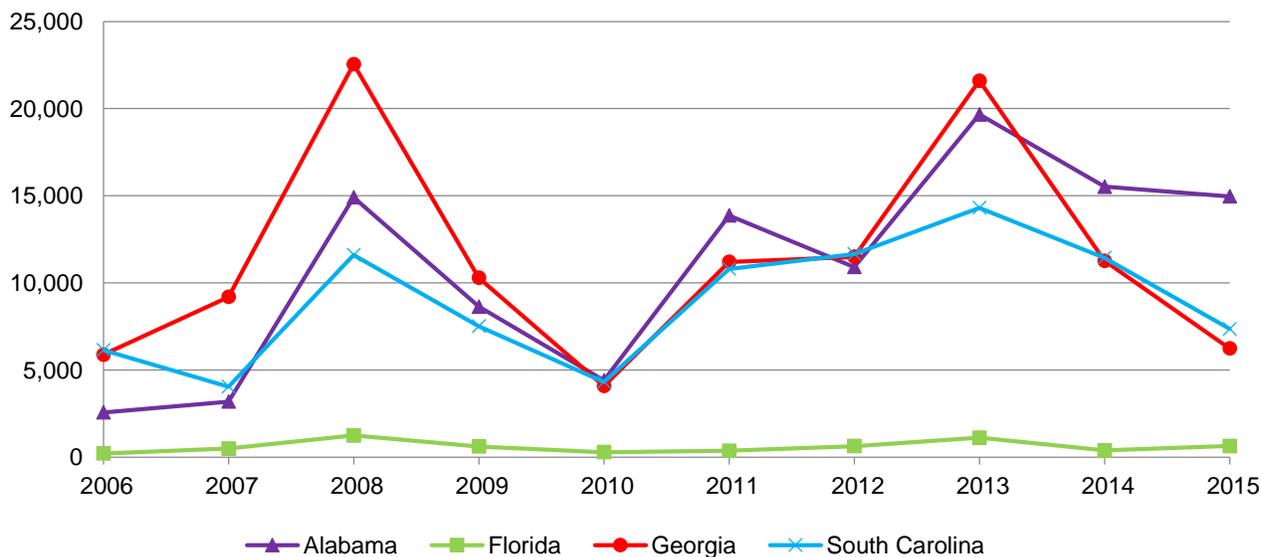
Florida: Winter wheat production is up 65 percent from last year, the result of increased yield and harvested acres compared with 2014.

Georgia: Oat production is up 4 percent from last year. Rye production is down 22 percent from 2014 due mainly to a yield of 14 bushels per acre, the lowest since 1957. Winter wheat production is down 45 percent from last year due. Planted and harvested acreage decreased 85,000 acres and yield is down 6 bushels from last year.

South Carolina: Oat production is down 16 percent from 2014. Winter wheat production is down 36 percent from last year due to a 60,000 acre decrease in planted and harvested acreage and a 6 bushel decline in yield.

Southern Region Winter Wheat Production: 2006 - 2015

1,000 bushels



Small Grains Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2014 and 2015

Commodity and State	Area planted ¹		Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Oats								
Alabama.....	50	55	15	20	65.0	50.0	975	1,000
Georgia.....	60	65	20	25	54.0	45.0	1,080	1,125
South Carolina.....	21	24	10	9	62.0	58.0	620	522
United States.....	2,753	3,088	1,035	1,276	67.9	70.2	70,232	89,535
Rye								
Georgia.....	170	210	20	30	27.0	14.0	540	420
United States.....	1,434	1,569	258	360	27.9	31.9	7,189	11,496
Wheat, winter								
Alabama.....	255	260	225	220	69.0	68.0	15,525	14,960
Florida.....	15	25	10	15	39.0	43.0	390	645
Georgia.....	300	215	230	145	49.0	43.0	11,270	6,235
South Carolina.....	230	170	220	160	52.0	46.0	11,440	7,360
United States.....	42,409	39,461	32,299	32,257	42.6	42.5	1,377,216	1,370,188

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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Southern Region Oat Production: 2006 - 2015

1,000 bushels

