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**U.S. Winter Wheat Production Down**

Winter wheat production totaled 1.18 billion bushels in 2018, down 7 percent from the revised 2017 total of 1.27 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 24.7 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 47.9 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from the previous year. National oat production is estimated at 56.1 million bushels, up 14 percent from 2017. Rye production for 2018 is estimated at 8.4 million bushels, down 13 percent from the 2017 total.

**Key findings for the Southern Region**

**Alabama:** Oat production, at 945 thousand bushels, is up 58 percent from last year due primarily to a 5,000 acre increase in harvested area. Winter wheat production, at 7.92 million bushels, is up 3 percent from 2017. Winter wheat planted acreage, at 160,000 acres, is up 10,000 acres from last year, but yield, at 72 bushels per acre, is down 5 bushels.

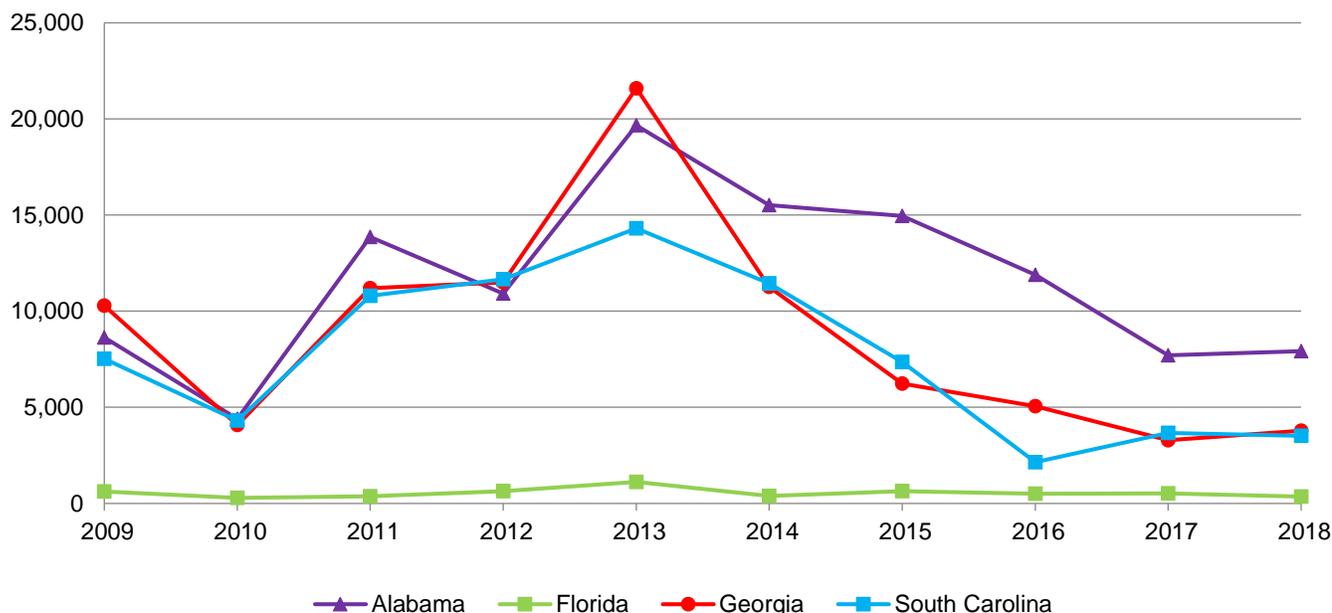
**Florida:** Winter wheat planted acreage, at 15,000 acres, is down 5,000 acres from last year, resulting in a 31 percent decline in production.

**Georgia:** Oat production is up 45 percent from last year, due primarily to a yield of 71 bushels per acre, the second highest on record. Coming off the lowest production since 1958, rye production for 2018 is up 37 percent from the previous year. Winter wheat production, at 3.78 million bushels, is up 15 percent from 2017. Winter wheat planted acreage, at 200,000 acres, is up 40,000 acres from last year. Yield, at 54 bushels per acre, is up 7 bushels.

**South Carolina:** Oat production, at 434 thousand bushels, is up 6 percent from last year. Winter wheat production, at 3.51 million bushels, is down 4 percent from 2017. Winter wheat planted acreage, at 80,000 acres, is down 10,000 acres from last year, but yield, at 54 bushels per acre, is up 5 bushels.

**Southern Region Winter Wheat Production: 2009 - 2018**

1,000 bushels



## Small Grains Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2017 and 2018

Commodity and State	Area planted <sup>1</sup>		Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
<b>Oats</b>								
Alabama.....	40	40	10	15	60.0	63.0	600	945
Georgia.....	50	60	15	15	49.0	71.0	735	1,065
South Carolina.....	20	19	8	7	51.0	62.0	408	434
United States.....	2,588	2,746	801	865	61.7	64.9	49,391	56,130
<b>Rye</b>								
Georgia.....	210	190	15	15	19.0	26.0	285	390
United States.....	1,961	2,011	286	273	33.9	30.9	9,696	8,432
<b>Wheat, winter</b>								
Alabama.....	150	160	100	110	77.0	72.0	7,700	7,920
Florida.....	20	15	14	10	37.0	36.0	518	360
Georgia.....	160	200	70	70	47.0	54.0	3,290	3,780
South Carolina.....	90	80	75	65	49.0	54.0	3,675	3,510
United States.....	32,696	32,535	25,291	24,742	50.2	47.9	1,269,437	1,183,939

<sup>1</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Small Grains 2018 Summary*, September 2018

### Southern Region Oat Production: 2009 - 2018

1,000 bushels

