



December Crop Production

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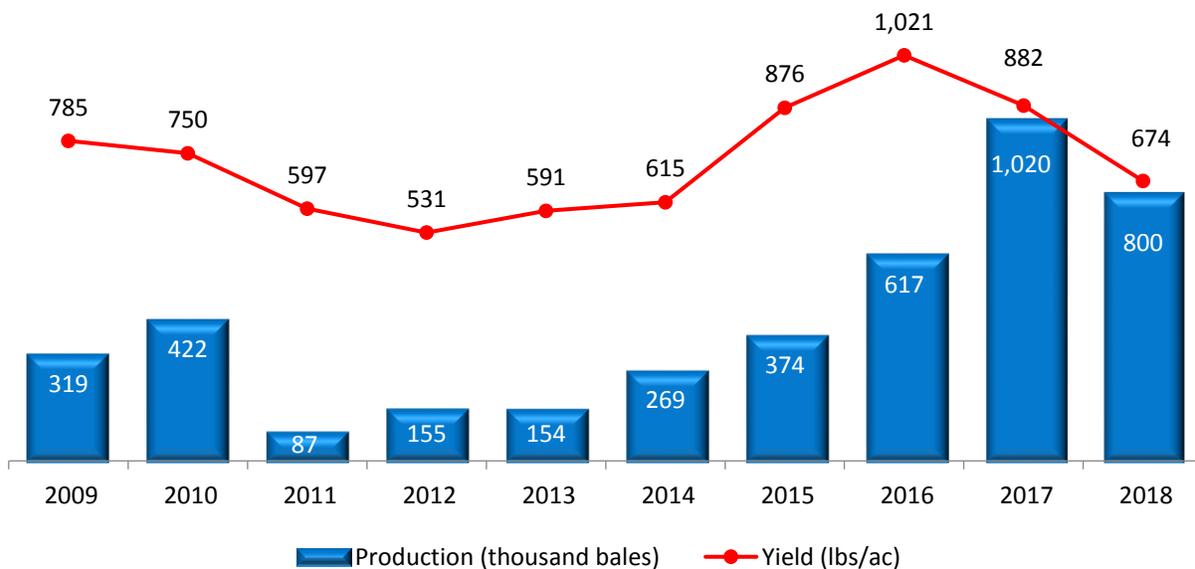
This report contains the results from the December 2018 Objective Yield Survey and Cotton Ginners report. For Texas cotton, actual counts of plants and boll weights are collected from small plots set up in producer fields and are used in conjunction with the results of the Ginner's survey to forecast yield and production of Texas cotton.

Data provided by Oklahoma and Texas operators are the foundation of the estimates for the Southern Plains region. The Southern Plains Regional Field Office would like to thank all gins that responded to the survey and those farmers who permitted cotton objective yield measurements to be taken from their fields.

UPLAND COTTON

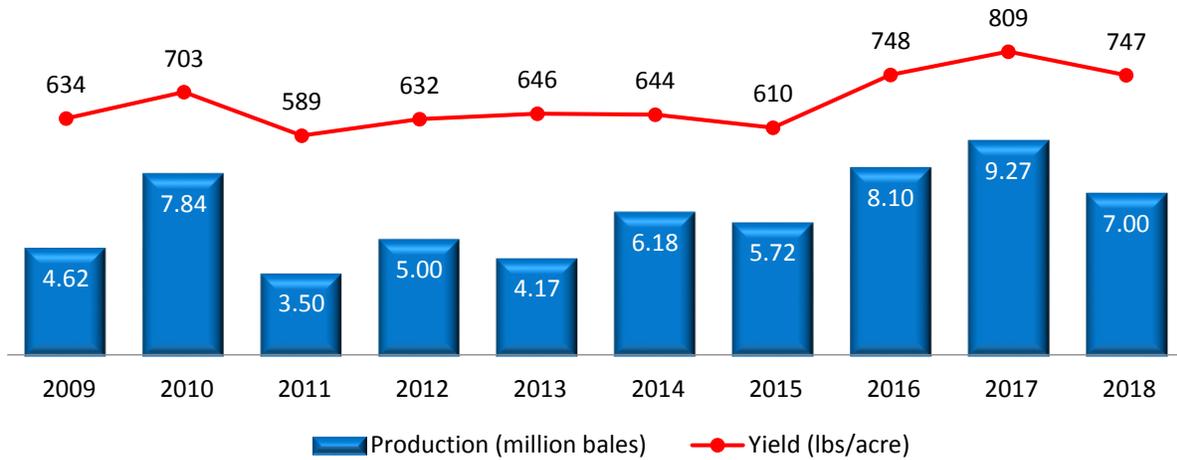
Oklahoma Upland Cotton production totaled 800 thousand bales, 22 percent lower than 2017. Yield averaged 674 pounds per acre, compared with 882 pounds last year. Acreage harvested, at 570 thousand acres, is up 3 percent from last year.

Oklahoma Upland Cotton Production and Yield



Texas Upland Cotton production totaled 7.00 million bales, 24 percent lower than 2017. Yield averaged 747 pounds per acre, compared with 809 pounds last year. Acreage harvested, at 4.50 million acres, is down 18 percent from last year.

Texas Upland Cotton Production and Yield

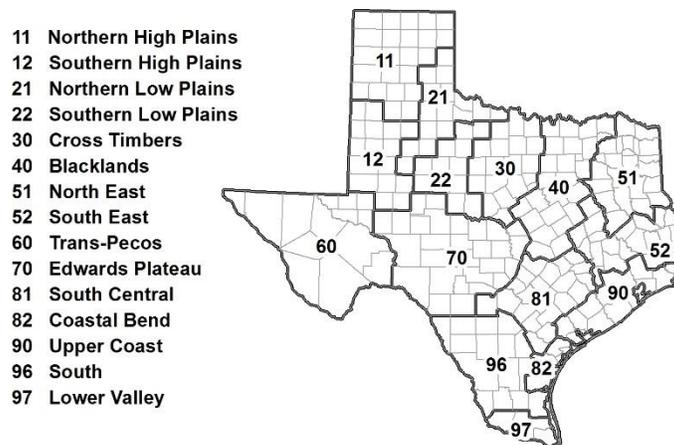


DISTRICT ESTIMATES

Production on the Texas **Southern High Plains** is estimated to total 2.25 million bales, down 28 percent from last year's production. Average yield, at 720 pounds per acre, is up 24.0 pounds from a year ago. Acreage expected for harvest in the Southern High Plains, at 1.50 million acres, is down 654 thousand acres from 2017.

The **Northern High Plain's** production, estimated at 2.00 million bales, is 14 percent lower than last year. Average yield, at 923 pounds per acre, is down 67.0 pounds from a year ago. Acreage expected for harvest in the Northern High Plains, at 1.04 million acres, is down 86 thousand acres from 2017.

In the Texas **Low Plains**, production is estimated at 505 thousand bales, 57 percent below last year. Average yield at 366 pounds per acre, is down 528 pounds from a year ago. The Low Plains expects to harvest 639 thousand acres, down 284 thousand acres from last year.



Texas Upland Cotton District Estimates, 2017 and Forecasted December 1, 2018 ¹

District	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>1,000 bales</i>	<i>1,000 bales</i>
11	1,332.0	1,500.0	1,126.0	1,040.0	990.0	923.0	2,323.2	2,000.0
12	3,040.0	3,285.0	2,154.0	1,500.0	696.0	720.0	3,121.6	2,250.0
21	498.5	540.0	374.0	385.0	735.0	430.0	572.7	345.0
22	637.8	775.0	548.9	254.0	525.0	302.0	600.6	160.0
40	169.4	230.0	164.5	220.0	856.0	469.0	293.2	215.0
52	34.1	(D)	34.1	(D)	929.0	(D)	66.0	(D)
60	26.6	(D)	26.0	(D)	1,265.0	(D)	68.5	(D)
70	236.4	260.0	213.0	172.0	784.0	614.0	347.7	220.0
81	80.7	88.0	68.4	87.0	1,157.0	938.0	164.9	170.0
82	317.3	336.0	314.6	280.0	1,135.0	1,157.0	743.7	675.0
90	252.7	325.0	216.7	324.0	1,013.0	741.0	457.3	500.0
96	39.4	(D)	35.2	(D)	1,038.0	(D)	76.1	(D)
97	194.7	215.0	185.9	112.0	980.0	986.0	379.4	230.0
Other Districts	40.4	146.0	38.7	126.0	683.0	895.0	55.1	235.0
Texas	6,900.0	7,700.0	5,500.0	4,500.0	809.0	747.0	9,270.0	7,000.0

(D) Combined under *Other Districts*. Not published to prevent disclosure.

¹ Data may not add to the totals due to rounding.

CROP SUMMARY

**Upland Cotton Acreage, Yield, and Production,
Oklahoma, Texas, and United States, 2017 and Forecasted December 1, 2018**

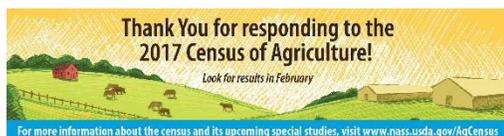
Upland Cotton	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production ¹	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>1,000 bales ²</i>	<i>1,000 bales ²</i>
Oklahoma	585	780	555	570	882	674	1,020	800
Texas	6,900	7,700	5,500	4,500	809	747	9,270	7,000
United States	12,360	13,794	10,850	10,129	895	844	20,223	17,817

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned.

² 480 pound net weight bale.

The **United States upland cotton** production is forecast at 17.8 million 480-pound bales, down 12 percent from last year's 20.2 million bales. Yield is expected to average 844 pounds per acre, down 51.0 pounds from 2017. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 10.1 million acres, 7 percent lower than last year.

Link to the US report: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/tm70mv177?locale=en>.



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