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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2021 May Agricultural Yield Survey**, as well as the **2020 Cotton Ginnings and Objective Yield surveys**. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys and to those cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

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**United States Winter Wheat Production Up 10 Percent from 2020
Hay Stocks Down 12 Percent**

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 10 percent from 2020. As of May 1, the yield is forecast at 52.1 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last year. State level data for Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina will be released in the September *Small Grains Summary*.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2021 totaled 18.0 million tons, down 12 percent from the previous May. Disappearance from December 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021 totaled 66.0 million tons, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

United States 2020 Cotton Ginnings Down 27 Percent

A total of 14.3 million running bales were ginned during the 2020 season, down 27 percent from last season. There were 509 active cotton gins, down from the 531 gins that operated in 2019. Fifty-three percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 70 percent the previous season.

Cotton Area Planted, Harvested, and Yield – States and United States: 2019 and 2020

| State | Area planted | | Area harvested | | Yield per acre | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 |
| | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (pounds) | (pounds) |
| Alabama | 540.0 | 450.0 | 532.0 | 446.0 | 928 | 790 |
| Florida | 112.0 | 98.0 | 110.0 | 93.0 | 895 | 532 |
| Georgia | 1,400.0 | 1,190.0 | 1,380.0 | 1,180.0 | 953 | 887 |
| South Carolina | 300.0 | 190.0 | 295.0 | 179.0 | 809 | 802 |
| United States | 13,735.7 | 12,092.0 | 11,497.4 | 8,274.5 | 831 | 847 |

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2021

Cotton Production and Bales Ginned – States and United States: 2019 and 2020

| State | Production in 480-pound net weight bales ¹ | | Bales ginned in 480-pound net weight bales ² | |
|----------------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 |
| | (bales) | (bales) | (bales) | (bales) |
| Alabama | 1,028,000 | 734,000 | 1,002,300 | 715,850 |
| Florida | 205,000 | 103,000 | 166,750 | 91,600 |
| Georgia | 2,740,000 | 2,180,000 | 2,798,300 | 2,207,950 |
| South Carolina | 497,000 | 299,000 | 436,850 | 260,000 |
| United States | 19,912,500 | 14,607,500 | 19,878,350 | 14,575,150 |

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned.

² Equivalent 480-pound net weight bales ginned, not adjusted for cross-state movement.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cotton Ginnings 2020 Summary](#), May 2021

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2021

Hay Stocks on Farms – States and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2019-2021

| State | December 1 | | May 1 | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2020 | 2021 |
| | (1,000 tons) | (1,000 tons) | (1,000 tons) | (1,000 tons) |
| Alabama | 1,100 | 1,800 | 120 | 300 |
| Florida..... | 540 | 520 | 80 | 60 |
| Georgia..... | 1,110 | 1,210 | 170 | 290 |
| South Carolina | 360 | 400 | 75 | 125 |
| United States | 84,488 | 84,020 | 20,426 | 18,006 |

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2021

Hay Stocks Disappearance December to May – States: 2012-2021

Thousand tons

