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December Crop Production



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This report contains the results from the **2021 Cotton Ginnings, Cotton Objective Yield and Sugarcane surveys**. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to the cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

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Cotton production in the United States is forecast at 18.3 million bales for 2021, up slightly from the previous forecast and up 25 percent from last year. Sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 33.5 million tons, down 7 percent from the previous year.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the December Crop Production report

Alabama: Cotton production is forecast at 755,000 bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 3 percent from 2020.

Florida: Cotton production is forecast at 130,000 bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 26 percent from last year. Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is forecast at 17.3 million tons, down 8 percent from 2020.

Georgia: Cotton production is forecast at 2.30 million bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 6 percent from 2020.

South Carolina: With yield forecast at a record high 960 pounds per acre, cotton production is forecast at 410,000 bales, up 4 percent from the previous forecast and up 37 percent from 2020.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2020 and Forecasted December 1, 2021

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021		2020	2021
						November 1	December 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Cotton, all ¹(bales)									
Alabama	450.0	405.0	446.0	400.0	790	906	906	734.0	755.0
Florida	98.0	91.0	93.0	89.0	532	701	701	103.0	130.0
Georgia.....	1,190.0	1,170.0	1,180.0	1,160.0	887	952	952	2,180.0	2,300.0
South Carolina.....	190.0	210.0	179.0	205.0	802	925	960	299.0	410.0
United States.....	12,092.0	11,190.5	8,274.5	9,921.7	847	880	885	14,607.5	18,284.0
Sugarcane ² (tons)									
Florida	(NA)	(NA)	423.3	405.0	44.4	42.7	42.8	18,795	17,334
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	947.6	931.4	38.1	36.6	35.9	36,100	33,458

(NA) Not available.

¹ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

² For sugar and seed.

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

Cotton Yield – States: 2012-2021

Pounds per acre

