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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2022 May Agricultural Yield Survey**, as well as the **2021 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 Down 8 Percent from 2021

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.17 billion bushels, down 8 percent from 2021. As of May 1, the yield is forecast at 47.9 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from last year. State level data for Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina will be released in the September *Small Grains Summary*.

United States Hay Stocks Down 7 Percent

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2022, totaled 16.8 million tons, down 7 percent from the previous May. Disappearance from December 1, 2021 - May 1, 2022, totaled 62.2 million tons, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

United States 2021 Cotton Ginnings Up 20 Percent

A total of 17.1 million running bales were ginned during the 2021 season, up 20 percent from last season. There were 510 active cotton gins, up from the 509 gins that operated in 2020. Sixty-four percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 53 percent the previous season.

Cotton Area Planted, Harvested, and Yield – States and United States: 2020 and 2021

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	450.0	405.0	446.0	401.0	790	826
Florida	98.0	92.0	93.0	90.0	532	640
Georgia	1,190.0	1,170.0	1,180.0	1,160.0	887	914
South Carolina.....	190.0	210.0	179.0	207.0	802	986
United States.....	12,092.0	11,215.5	8,216.5	10,272.3	853	819

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2022

Cotton Production and Bales Ginned – States and United States: 2020 and 2021

State	Production in 480-pound net weight bales ¹		Bales ginned in 480-pound net weight bales ²	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(bales)	(bales)	(bales)	(bales)
Alabama	734,000	690,000	715,850	662,750
Florida	103,000	120,000	91,600	100,300
Georgia	2,180,000	2,210,000	2,207,950	2,244,100
South Carolina.....	299,000	425,000	260,000	370,500
United States.....	14,607,500	17,523,000	14,575,150	17,487,600

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 2021 Summary](#), May 2022

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2022

Hay Stocks on Farms – States and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2020-2022

State	December 1		May 1	
	2020	2021	2021	2022
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama	1,800	1,550	300	240
Florida.....	520	460	60	75
Georgia.....	1,210	1,260	290	190
South Carolina.....	400	450	125	80
United States	84,020	79,016	18,006	16,767

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2022

Hay Stocks Disappearance December to May – States: 2013-2022

Thousand tons

