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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2023 May Agricultural Yield Survey**, as well as the **2022 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 2 Percent from 2022**

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.13 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2022. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 44.7 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*.

**Hay Stocks Down 13 Percent**

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2023, totaled 14.5 million tons, down 13 percent from the previous May. Disappearance from December 1, 2022 - May 1, 2023, totaled 57.4 million tons, down 8 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**United States 2022 Cotton Ginnings Down 17 Percent**

A total of 14.1 million running bales were ginned during the 2022 season, down 17 percent from last season. There were 479 active cotton gins, down from the 510 gins that operated in 2021. Fifty-five percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 64 percent the previous season.

**Cotton Area Planted, Harvested, and Yield – States and United States: 2021 and 2022**

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	405.0	435.0	401.0	430.0	826	930
Florida .....	92.0	106.0	90.0	103.0	640	769
Georgia .....	1,170.0	1,290.0	1,160.0	1,270.0	914	1,002
South Carolina.....	210.0	270.0	207.0	266.0	986	911
United States .....	11,215.5	13,761.0	10,272.2	7,307.7	819	950

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2023

**Cotton Production and Bales Ginned – States and United States: 2021 and 2022**

State	Production in 480-pound net weight bales <sup>1</sup>		Bales ginned in 480-pound net weight bales <sup>2</sup>	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(bales)	(bales)	(bales)	(bales)
Alabama .....	690,000	833,000	662,750	808,450
Florida .....	120,000	165,000	100,300	134,250
Georgia .....	2,210,000	2,650,000	2,244,100	2,694,150
South Carolina.....	425,000	505,000	370,500	441,650
United States .....	17,523,000	14,468,000	17,487,600	14,440,800

<sup>1</sup> Production ginned and to be ginned.

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

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cotton Ginnings 2022 Summary](#), May 2023

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2023

## Hay Stocks on Farms – States and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2021-2023

State	December 1		May 1	
	2021	2022	2022	2023
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama .....	1,550	1,300	240	160
Florida.....	460	450	75	30
Georgia.....	1,260	950	190	120
South Carolina.....	450	380	80	70
United States .....	79,016	71,911	16,767	14,523

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2023

## Hay Stocks Disappearance December to May – States: 2014-2023

Thousand tons

