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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2023 November Agricultural Yield, Cotton Objective Yield and Cotton Ginnings 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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United States: Corn production for grain in the United States is forecast at a record high 15.2 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 11 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 174.9 bushels per harvested acre, up 1.9 bushels from the previous forecast and up 1.5 bushels from last year. Soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.13 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 3 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 13.1 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from the previous forecast but down 10 percent from 2022. Peanut production is forecast at 5.98 billion pounds in 2023, down 4 percent from the previous forecast but up 8 percent from 2022.

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

Alabama: With yield forecast at a record high 168 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is forecast at 56.3 million bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 64 percent from 2022. Cotton production is forecast at 710,000 bales, up 4 percent from the previous forecast but down 15 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 447 million pounds, down 13 percent from the previous forecast and down 19 percent from 2022. Peanut yield, at 2,600 pounds per acre, would be the lowest since 2010. Soybean production is forecast at 15.2 million bushels, up 7 percent from the previous forecast and up 4 percent from 2022.

Florida: Cotton production is forecast at 100,000 bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 39 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 453 million pounds, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 21 percent from 2022. Peanut yield, at 3,000 pounds per acre, would be the lowest since 2007. Potato production is forecast at 6.06 million cwt, up 21 percent from 2022. Potato yield, at 290 hundredweight per acre, would be the highest on record since 2004. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 18.1 million tons, down slightly from the previous forecast but up 1 percent from last year.

Georgia: With yield forecast at a record high 183 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is forecast at 82.4 million bushels, up 3 percent from the previous forecast and up 22 percent from last year. Cotton production is forecast at 2.35 million bales, up 2 percent from the previous forecast but down 11 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 3.16 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2022. With yield forecast at 41.0 bushels per acre, soybean production is forecast at 6.36 million bushels, up 3 percent from the previous forecast but down 2 percent from 2022.

South Carolina: With yield forecast at a record high 150 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is forecast at 53.3 million bushels, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 45 percent from 2022. Cotton production is forecast at 375,000 bales, up 7 percent from the previous forecast but down 26 percent from last year. With yield forecast at 4,100 pounds per acre, peanut production is forecast at 299 million pounds, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 6 percent from 2022. Soybean production is forecast at 13.7 million bushels, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 5 percent from last year.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2022 and Forecasted November 1, 2023

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023		2022	2023
						October 1	November 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn ¹(bushels)									
Alabama.....	300	345	290	335	118.0	167.0	168.0	34,220	56,280
Florida ²	85	100	56	60	164.0			9,184	
Georgia.....	425	500	385	450	175.0	177.0	183.0	67,375	82,350
South Carolina	320	375	300	355	122.0	147.0	150.0	36,600	53,250
United States	88,589	94,868	79,115	87,096	173.4	173.0	174.9	13,714,676	15,234,285
Cotton, all ³ . (bales)									
Alabama.....	435.0	380.0	430.0	375.0	930	870	909	833.0	710.0
Florida.....	106.0	89.0	103.0	87.0	769	552	552	165.0	100.0
Georgia.....	1,290.0	1,110.0	1,270.0	1,100.0	1,002	1,004	1,025	2,650.0	2,350.0
South Carolina	270.0	210.0	266.0	205.0	911	820	878	505.0	375.0
United States	13,761.0	10,232.5	7,307.7	8,020.9	950	767	783	14,468.0	13,090.0
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	165.0	175.0	163.0	172.0	3,400	3,000	2,600	554,200	447,200
Florida.....	150.0	160.0	142.0	151.0	4,050	3,000	3,000	575,100	453,000
Georgia.....	685.0	775.0	680.0	770.0	4,210	4,300	4,100	2,862,800	3,157,000
South Carolina	71.0	76.0	68.0	73.0	4,150	4,200	4,100	282,200	299,300
United States	1,450.3	1,650.0	1,383.1	1,599.8	4,008	3,905	3,740	5,542,893	5,983,160
Potatoes(cwt)									
Florida.....	20.0	21.0	19.7	20.9	255	(NA)	290	5,024	6,061
United States	916.0	964.0	911.4	959.8	438	(NA)	452	398,744	434,224
Soybeans..(bushels)									
Alabama.....	360	350	355	345	41.0	41.0	44.0	14,555	15,180
Georgia.....	165	160	158	155	41.0	40.0	41.0	6,478	6,355
South Carolina	405	395	390	380	37.0	36.0	36.0	14,430	13,680
United States	87,450	83,600	86,169	82,791	49.6	49.6	49.9	4,270,196	4,129,449
Sugarcane ⁴ .. (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	401.9	399.0	44.6	45.5	45.4	17,931	18,115
United States	(NA)	(NA)	930.2	923.0	37.3	35.2	35.6	34,671	32,829

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2023 Summary*, released January 2024.

³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ For sugar and seed.

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