



ALABAMA FARM FACTS



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September 1 Crop Production

Alabama field crops have fared quite well thus far. Most areas of the state received adequate rainfall in August and temperatures were mostly favorable for crop growth. **Corn** harvest is underway and was around one-fourth complete as of September 7. Condition is nearly 90 percent good to excellent. Yield is estimated at 120 bushels per acre, the same as forecast August 1, just 2 bushels per acre below last year's record yield and 32 bushels per acre above the ten year average. **Cotton** condition is two-thirds good to excellent and bolls are opening in over a quarter of the crop. Predicted yield is 749 pounds per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast and 142 pounds per acre over the ten year average, but 23 pounds per acre less than the 2003 published yield. **Peanut** harvest has begun but won't get into full swing until mid-September. Crop condition is 9 percent poor, 53 percent fair, 30 percent good and 8 percent excellent. Due to a shortage of rain in some of the key peanut growing counties, the state yield estimate dropped 100 pounds per acre from the August forecast to 2,800 pounds per acre which is still 50 pounds per acre more than the 2003 crop year yield and well above the ten year average yield. **Soybeans** setting pods is nearing 100 percent and dropping leaves is over 40 percent. Condition is almost 90 percent good to excellent. Farmers expect to harvest 35 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels per acre from the August 1 forecast and 9 bushels per acre above the ten year average while only 1 bushel per acre below the 2003 record yield.

Acres, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, September 1

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre			Production	
		2003	Indicated 2004	2003	Indicated Aug 04	Indicated Sep 04	2003	Indicated Sep 04
ALABAMA					- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	510	545	772	749	749	820	850
Corn for grain	Bu.	190	240	122	120	120	23,180	28,800
Hay	Ton	780	850	2.6	2.6	2.6	2,028	2,210
Soybeans	Bu.	160	195	36	33	35	5,760	6,825
Peanuts	Lb.	185	195	2,750	2,900	2,800	508,750	546,000
Potatoes, Irish	Cwt.	1.8	2.0	185	170	165	333	330
UNITED STATES					- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	12,003	13,223	730	727	758	18.3	20.9
Corn for grain	Bu.	71,139	73,377	142.2	148.9	149.4	10,113.9	10,960.7
Hay	Ton	63,342	61,589	2.48	2.63	2.63	157	162
Soybeans	Bu.	72,321	73,655	33.4	39.1	38.5	2,417.6	2,836.0
Peanuts	Lb.	1,312	1,393	3,159	3,198	3,188	4,144	4,441
Potatoes, Irish	Cwt.	1,249	1,164	367	-	-	457.8	-

1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

Note: Any effects to Alabama crops from Hurricane Frances will be reflected in the October 1 crop production report, released October 12, 2004. Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around September 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.

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Farm Real Estate: Average Value per Acre 1/, January 1

States	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Change 03-04 Percent
	Dollars						
Alabama	1,520	1,570	1,640	1,700	1,760	1,860	5.7
Florida	2,260	2,500	2,600	2,720	2,900	3,100	6.9
Georgia	1,630	1,750	1,900	2,050	2,200	2,350	6.8
South Carolina	1,520	1,700	1,800	1,900	2,050	2,150	4.9
Southeast States	1,770	1,920	2,030	2,140	2,270	2,420	6.6

1/ Includes land and buildings.

Cropland: Average Value per Acre, January 1

States	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Change 03-04 Percent
	Dollars						
Alabama	1,320	1,450	1,530	1,600	1,700	1,800	5.9
Florida	3,190	3,550	3,720	3,730	3,690	3,900	5.7
Georgia	1,250	1,600	1,780	1,970	2,150	2,270	5.6
South Carolina	1,200	1,350	1,450	1,600	1,750	1,850	5.7
Southeast States	1,720	1,960	2,090	2,240	2,350	2,480	5.5

Pasture: Average Value per Acre, January 1

States	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Change 03-04 Percent
	Dollars						
Alabama	1,170	1,200	1,250	1,300	1,350	1,420	5.2
Florida	1,500	1,750	1,850	1,950	2,100	2,250	7.1
Georgia	1,950	2,050	2,280	2,500	2,750	2,950	7.3
South Carolina	1,380	1,530	1,630	1,750	1,900	2,000	5.3
Southeast States	1,490	1,640	1,760	1,870	2,010	2,150	7.0

Alabama Cropland and Pasture: Average Cash Rent per Acre, January 1

States	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Change 03-04 Percent
	Dollars						
Cropland	31.00	33.00	36.00	36.00	35.00	35.00	0.0
Pasture	15.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	2.7

