



ALABAMA FARM FACTS



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November 1 Crop Production

With over half of the state's 2004 cotton crop now harvested, producers are expecting production of 810,000 bales, according to a survey recently conducted by the Alabama Statistical Office in Montgomery. Yield is forecast at 727 pounds of lint per acre harvested from 535,000 acres. Last month, production was pegged at 750,000 bales with a yield of 673 pound per acre, which reflected producers uncertainty regarding damage from Hurricane Ivan. Since October 1, cotton harvest has progressed substantially and yields are reportedly better than expected in southwest Alabama. The 10-year average cotton yield is 607 pounds. Corn harvest is winding down with prospects for a record yielding crop of 123 bushels per acre expected. This compares with the previous record of 122 bushels per acre from the 2003 crop and the 10-year average yield of 88 bushels. Production harvested from 210,000 acres is expected to total 25.8 million bushels. Soybean producers are also expecting a record yield of 37 bushels per acre, one bushel better than last year. Production is forecast at 7.2 million bushels from 195,000 acres. The peanut crop for 2004 is expected to yield 2,800 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from the October 1 forecast, but still below the record yield of 2,960 pounds set in 1984. Area for harvest this year is expected to total 195,000 acres with production of 546.0 million pounds. Rain, fog, and cooler temperatures have prolonged the harvest season, not only for peanuts, but other crops as well.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, November 1

Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2003	Indicated 2004	2003	Indicated 2004	2003	Indicated 2004	2003	Indicated 2004
ALABAMA		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	525	550	510	535	772	727	820	810
Corn for grain	Bu.	220	240	190	210	122	123	23,180	25,830
Hay	Ton	-	-	780	850	2.6	2.7	2,028	2,295
Soybeans	Bu.	170	210	160	195	36	37	5,760	7,215
Peanuts	Lb.	190	200	185	195	2,750	2,800	508,750	546,000
Potatoes, Irish	Cwt.	3.0	2.9	1.8	2.0	185	165	333	330
UNITED STATES		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	13,480	13,763	12,003	13,223	730	818	18.3	22.5
Corn for grain	Bu.	78,736	80,968	71,139	73,311	142.2	160.2	10,113.9	11,740.9
Hay	Ton	-	-	63,342	61,589	2.48	2.69	157	166
Soybeans	Bu.	73,404	75,065	72,476	73,990	33.9	42.6	2,453.7	3,150.4
Peanuts	Lb.	1,344	1,429	1,312	1,388	3,159	3,027	4,144	4,201
Potatoes, Irish	Cwt.	1,273	1,195	1,249	1,170	367	385	457.8	450.2

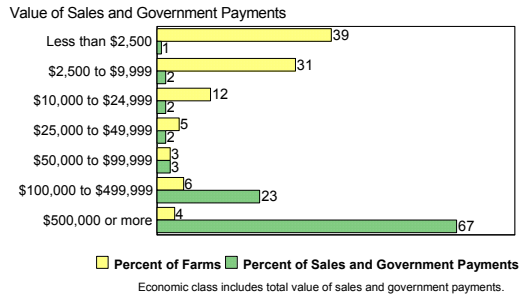
1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

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Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to November 1

Selected States	Running Bales Ginned			
	2001	2002	2003	2004
AL	287,400	234,150	301,600	355,850
AZ	216,400	214,500	147,000	185,500
AR	1,089,000	832,700	928,650	1,019,100
CA	667,700	584,000	365,950	700,150
GA	666,700	478,500	607,350	723,150
LA	706,600	474,400	823,850	605,550
MS	1,345,400	1,051,050	1,446,600	1,408,500
MO	407,300	309,000	261,150	383,150
NC	444,900	275,900	208,100	560,000
SC	166,600	34,750	70,700	160,750
TN	566,300	403,000	369,500	451,200
TX	2,069,900	1,689,000	1,740,600	2,046,400
US All Cotton	8,806,350	6,696,650	7,392,800	8,756,750
US American-Pima	99,900	104,600	59,350	167,600

Distribution of Farms by Economic Class: 2002



Selected Farm Production Expenses: 1997 and 2002

