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Crop Acreage Update

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An updated crop acreage report for the 2008 crop year was released by USDA yesterday, and the market reaction was considerable. Corn was locked limit down 30 cents per bushel and is down further this morning. Soybeans were higher, cotton lower also in response. Below for your general information are Alabama and US acreages of major crops and hay for 2008. Also included is a table outlining use of transgenic traits in cotton production.

Crop	Alabama Acreage (Thousands)	US Acreage (Millions)	Comment:
Corn	250	78.9	80% transgenic
Sorghum	12	7.2	
Oats	45	1.4	
Wheat	240	63.4	
Hay	850	60.4	
Soybeans	330	74.5	92% transgenic
Peanuts	220	1.2	
Cotton	310	9.25	98% transgenic
Sugarcane	0	.880	
Sweet Potatoes	2.8	.104	
Summer Potatoes	1.4	.048	

Summary of Biotechnology Application in US Cotton, 2008

Area	Insect Resistant	Herbicide Resistant	Stacked Gene	All
Alabama	18	15	65	98
US	18	23	45	86