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## Annual Crop Production 2011

The 2011 growing season for crops endured a wet spring with tornados causing damage to crops in parts of the state, and a very hot, humid summer with drought conditions. Despite the harsh growing conditions, most crops held steady or saw an increase in yield per acre, with the exception of the corn crop which suffered the most due to the drought conditions.

- **Corn** acreage held steady from 2010 with 270,000 planted acres. Producers harvested 250,000 acres for grain, with a yield of 114 bushels per acre. Total grain production decreased from 29.0 million bushels of corn in 2010 to 28.5 million bushels in 2011.
- **Cotton** production was estimated at 710,000 bales from 447,000 harvested acres. The state's cotton yield increased 80 pounds to 762 pounds per acre for the 2011 year.
- **Soybean** production totaled 9.7 million bushels from 295,000 harvested acres, a decrease of 17 percent. Soybean yield for 2011 was 33 bushels per acre.
- **Hay** production totaled 1.92 million tons of hay from 800,000 harvested acres, an increase of 20,000 acres from the previous year.
- **Peanut** yield for the state was 3,000 pounds of nuts produced per acre, an increase of 400 pounds per acre from 2010. Farmers harvested 166,000 acres and produced 498.0 million pounds of peanuts in 2011.
- **Sweet potato** production totaled 400,000 cwt. a decrease of 80,000 cwt. from a year ago.
- **Winter wheat** was estimated at 195,000 acres harvest, an increase of 80,000 acres from 2010.

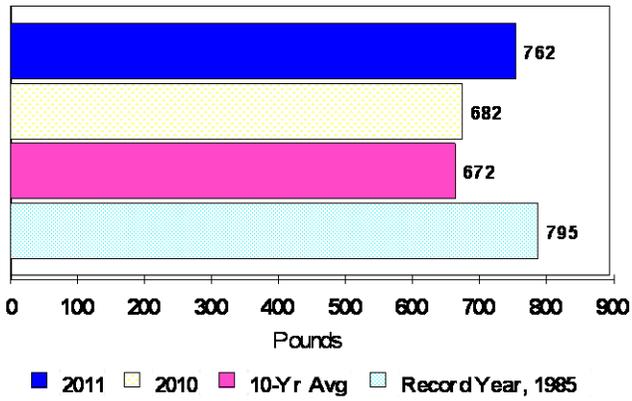
**Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, 2011**

Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
<b>ALABAMA</b>		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	340	460	338	447	682	762	480	710
Cottonseed	Ton	-	-	-	-	-	-	149	223
Corn, Grain	Bu.	270	270	250	250	116	114	29,000	28,500
Corn, Silage	Ton	-	-	9	5	15	9	135	45
Hay	Ton	-	-	780	800	2.4	2.4	1,872	1,920
Soybeans	Bu.	350	300	345	295	26	33	8,970	9,735
Peanuts	Lb.	190	170	185	166	2,600	3,000	481,000	498,000
Wheat	Bu.	150	220	115	195	55	73	6,325	14,235
Oats	Bu.	35	45	10	15	45	60	450	900
Sweet potatoes	Cwt.	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	150	129	480	400
Pecans (Utilized) 2/	Lb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,000	5,000
Peaches 2/	Ton	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	4,500

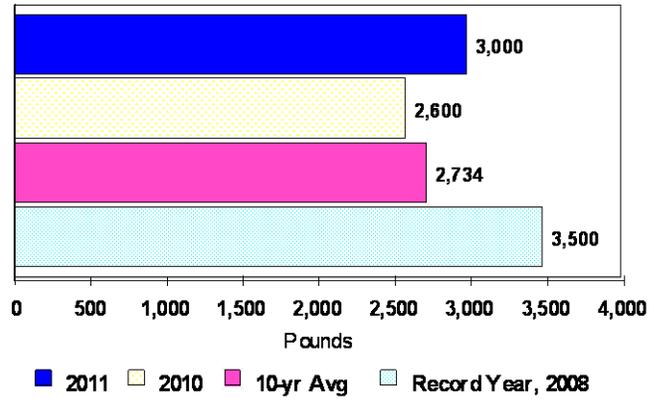
1/ Yield per acre in pounds. 2/ 2011 estimate carried forward from previous forecast.

# Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

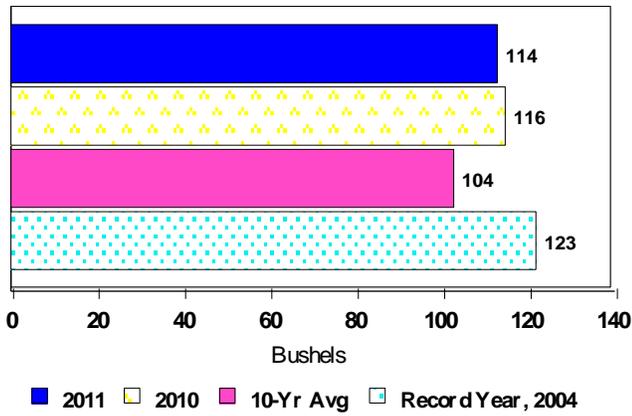
## Cotton Yield



## Peanut Yield



## Corn Yield



## Soybean Yield

