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## Annual Crop Production 2012

Despite the early weather changes throughout the year of 2012, Alabama's growing season for crops produced record yields in cotton, peanuts and soybeans. The corn crop was held below average because of early drought and prolonged heat that affected pollination and yields.

- **Cotton** production was estimated at 750,000 bales from 378,000 harvested acres. The state's cotton yield increased 210 pounds from 2011 to 952 pounds per acre for 2012. This is a new record yield, up from the 1985 yield of 795 pounds per acre.
- **Peanut** yield for the state was 4,000 pounds of nuts produced per acre, an increase of 1,050 pounds per acre from 2011. This surpassed the record set in 2008 of 3,500 pounds per acre. Farmers harvested 219,000 acres and produced 876.0 million pounds of peanuts in 2012.
- **Soybean** production totaled 15.08 million bushels, up 55 percent from last year. Acres harvested totaled 335,000. Soybean yield for 2012 was 45 bushels per acre, which is a new record. This is 5 bushels above the previous record set in 2009.
- **Corn** acreage increased from last year to 310,000 planted acres for 2012. Producers harvested 295,000 acres for grain, with a yield of 98 bushels per acre. Total grain production increased from 28.5 million bushels of corn in 2011 to 28.9 million bushels in 2012.
- **Hay** production totaled 2.2 million tons of hay from 860,000 harvested acres, an increase of 60,000 acres from the previous year.
- **Sweet potato** production totaled 546,000 cwt with a record yield of 210 cwt per acre. This is the highest yield since 1994 set at 190 cwt. Production increased 223,000 cwt above last year.
- **Winter wheat** seedings were estimated at 240,000 acres, up 9 percent from 2011.
- **On-farm and off-farm storage capacity** each totaled 35 million bushels, respectively. The number of off-farm storage facilities totaled 68.

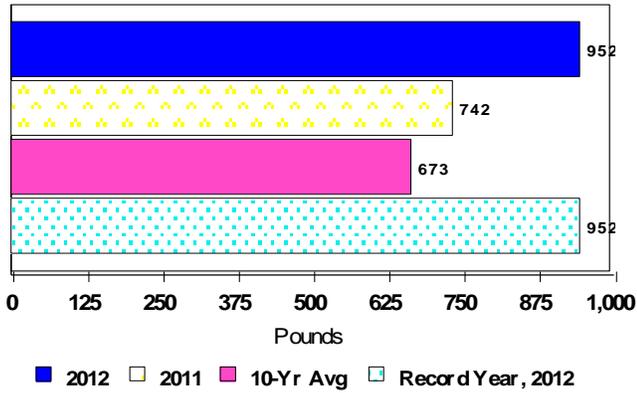
**Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, 2012**

Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
<b>ALABAMA</b>		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	460	380	443	378	742	952	685	750
Cottonseed	Ton	-	-	-	-	-	-	215	240
Corn, Grain	Bu.	270	310	250	295	114	98	28,500	28,910
Corn, Silage	Ton	-	-	5	6	9	12	45	72
Hay	Ton	-	-	800	860	2.4	2.6	1,920	2,236
Soybeans	Bu.	300	340	295	335	33	45	9,735	15,075
Peanuts	Lb.	170	220	166	219	2,950	4,000	489,700	876,000
Wheat	Bu.	220	220	195	190	73	59	14,235	11,210
Oats	Bu.	45	60	15	15	60	55	900	825
Sweet potatoes	Cwt.	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.6	129	210	323	546
Pecans (Utilized) 2/	Lb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,000	5,000
Peaches 2/	Ton	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,700	3,500

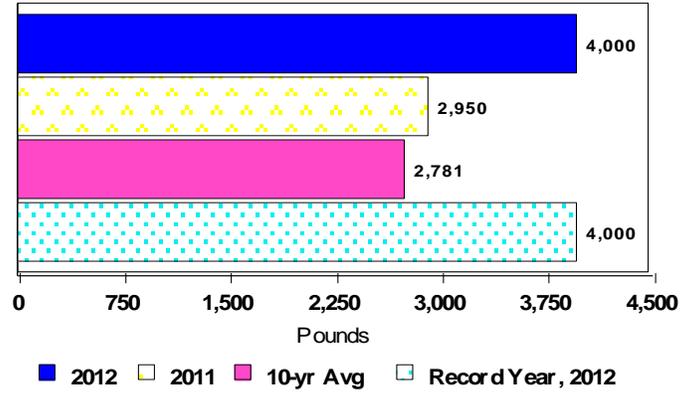
1/ Yield per acre in pounds. 2/ 2012 estimate carried forward from previous forecast.

# Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

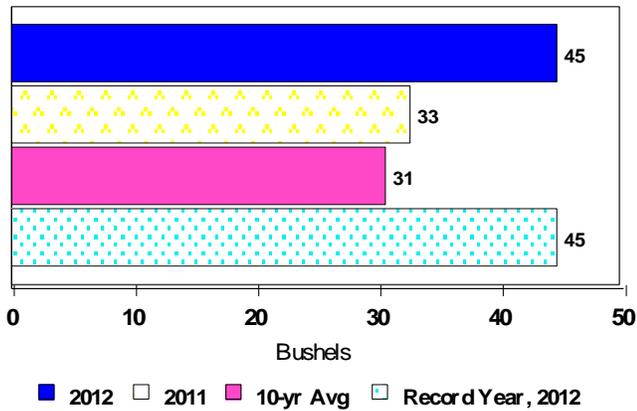
## Cotton Yield



## Peanut Yield



## Soybean Yield



## Corn Yield

