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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2024 May Agricultural Yield Survey**, as well as the **2023 Cotton Ginnings and Objective Yield surveys**. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys and to those cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

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United States Winter Wheat Production Up 2 Percent from 2023

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 2 percent from 2023. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 50.7 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from last year. State level data for Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina will be released in the September *Small Grains Summary*.

Hay Stocks Up 47 Percent

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2024, totaled 21.0 million tons, up 47 percent from the previous May. Disappearance from December 1, 2023 - May 1, 2024, totaled 55.7 million tons, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

United States 2023 Cotton Ginnings Down 17 percent

A total of 11.8 million running bales were ginned during the 2023 season, down 17 percent from last season. There were 463 active cotton gins, down from the 479 gins that operated in 2022. Forty-six percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 55 percent the previous season.

Cotton Area Planted, Harvested, and Yield – States and United States: 2022 and 2023

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	435.0	380.0	430.0	374.0	930	937
Florida	106.0	89.0	103.0	87.0	769	612
Georgia	1,290.0	1,110.0	1,270.0	1,100.0	1,002	949
South Carolina.....	270.0	210.0	266.0	207.0	911	937
United States	13,749.0	10,230.0	7,289.6	6,439.6	953	899

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2024

Cotton Production and Bales Ginned – States and United States: 2022 and 2023

State	Production in 480-pound net weight bales ¹		Bales ginned in 480-pound net weight bales ²	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(bales)	(bales)	(bales)	(bales)
Alabama	833,000	730,000	808,450	715,400
Florida	165,000	111,000	134,250	95,350
Georgia	2,650,000	2,175,000	2,694,150	2,203,850
South Carolina.....	505,000	404,000	441,650	339,250
United States	14,468,000	12,066,000	14,440,800	12,044,000

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned.

² Equivalent 480-pound net weight bales ginned, not adjusted for cross-state movement.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cotton Ginnings 2023 Summary](#), May 2024

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2024

Hay Stocks on Farms – States and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2022-2024

State	December 1		May 1	
	2022	2023	2023	2024
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama	1,300	1,100	160	135
Florida.....	450	470	30	80
Georgia.....	950	930	120	230
South Carolina	380	460	70	100
United States	71,761	76,721	14,333	21,010

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), May 2024

Hay Stocks Disappearance December to May – States: 2015-2024

Thousand tons

