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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2021 October Agricultural Yield and Cotton Objective Yield surveys**. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to the cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

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Corn production for grain in the United States is forecast at 15.0 billion bushels, up slightly from the previous forecast and up 6 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 176.5 bushels per harvested acre, up 5.1 bushels from last year. United States soybean production is forecast at a record 4.45 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 5 percent from last year. All cotton production in the United States is forecast at 18.0 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from the previous forecast but up 23 percent from 2020.

### **Key findings for the Southern Region from the October Crop Production report**

**Alabama:** Corn for grain production is forecast at 55.1 million bushels for 2021, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 9 percent from 2020. Cotton production is forecast at 755,000 bales, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 3 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 655 million pounds, down 10 percent from the previous forecast but up 5 percent from 2020. Soybean production is forecast at 13.4 million bushels for 2021, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 19 percent from 2020.

**Florida:** Cotton production is forecast at 145,000 bales for 2021, down 3 percent from the previous forecast but up 41 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 592 million pounds for 2021, down 5 percent from the previous forecast but up 5 percent from 2020. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 17.3 million tons for 2021, down 8 percent from 2020.

**Georgia:** Corn for grain production is forecast at 77.4 million bushels for 2021, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 10 percent from 2020. Cotton production for 2021 is forecast at 2.25 million bales, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 3 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 3.30 billion pounds, unchanged from the previous forecast and down 1 percent from 2020. With yield forecast at a record high 43 bushels per acre, soybean production is forecast at 5.59 million bushels, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 44 percent from 2020. Tobacco production, at 16.0 million pounds, is down 17 percent from last year. Pecan production is forecast at 91.0 million pounds, down 38 percent from last year.

**South Carolina:** With yield forecast at a record high 136 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is forecast at 53.0 million bushels for 2021, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 9 percent from 2020. Cotton production is forecast at 395,000 bales, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 32 percent from 2020. With yield forecast at a record high 4,100 pounds per acre, peanut production is forecast at 271 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous forecast but down 9 percent from last year. Soybean production is forecast at 12.2 million bushels, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 18 percent from 2020. Tobacco production, forecast at 16.0 million pounds, is up 90 percent from 2020.

**Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2020 and Forecasted October 1, 2021**

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021		2020	2021
						September 1	October 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>Corn <sup>1</sup> .....</b> (bushels)									
Alabama.....	330	350	320	340	158.0	166.0	162.0	50,560	55,080
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	100	100	61	60	138.0			8,418	
Georgia.....	420	480	390	440	180.0	172.0	176.0	70,200	77,440
South Carolina ....	390	420	370	390	132.0	134.0	136.0	48,840	53,040
United States .....	90,652	93,304	82,313	85,085	171.4	176.3	176.5	14,111,449	15,018,542
<b>Cotton, all <sup>3</sup> . (bales)</b>									
Alabama.....	450.0	405.0	446.0	400.0	790	924	906	734.0	755.0
Florida.....	98.0	91.0	93.0	89.0	532	809	782	103.0	145.0
Georgia.....	1,190.0	1,170.0	1,180.0	1,160.0	887	910	931	2,180.0	2,250.0
South Carolina ....	190.0	210.0	179.0	205.0	802	948	925	299.0	395.0
United States .....	12,092.0	11,190.5	8,274.5	9,921.7	847	895	871	14,607.5	18,004.0
<b>Hay, all other.. (tons)</b>									
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	750	750	3.10	(NA)	3.70	2,325	2,775
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	280	290	3.00	(NA)		840	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	570	560	3.00	(NA)	2.60	1,710	1,456
South Carolina <sup>2</sup> .	(NA)	(NA)	310	280	2.40	(NA)		744	
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	36,008	35,414	2.05	(NA)	2.04	73,745	72,326
<b>Peanuts .... (pounds)</b>									
Alabama.....	185.0	185.0	183.0	182.0	3,400	4,000	3,600	622,200	655,200
Florida.....	175.0	170.0	166.0	160.0	3,400	3,900	3,700	564,400	592,000
Georgia.....	810.0	760.0	805.0	750.0	4,120	4,400	4,400	3,316,600	3,300,000
South Carolina ....	84.0	69.0	80.0	66.0	3,700	4,000	4,100	296,000	270,600
United States .....	1,662.5	1,580.0	1,615.2	1,533.0	3,813	4,141	4,105	6,158,350	6,292,250
<b>Soybeans..(bushels)</b>									
Alabama.....	280	310	275	305	41.0	44.0	44.0	11,275	13,420
Georgia.....	100	140	95	130	41.0	42.0	43.0	3,895	5,590
South Carolina ....	310	390	295	370	35.0	33.0	33.0	10,325	12,210
United States ....	83,354	87,235	82,603	86,436	51.0	50.6	51.5	4,216,302	4,448,043
<b>Sugarcane <sup>4</sup> .. (tons)</b>									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	423.3	406.0	44.4	42.7	42.7	18,795	17,336
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	947.6	932.0	38.1	37.3	36.8	36,100	34,295
<b>Tobacco.... (pounds)</b>									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	7.9	8.0	2,440	2,000	2,000	19,276	16,000
South Carolina ....	(NA)	(NA)	6.0	7.6	1,400	2,000	2,100	8,400	15,960
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	198.1	221.2	1,966	2,102	2,097	389,413	463,835

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

<sup>2</sup> Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2021 Summary*, released January 2022.

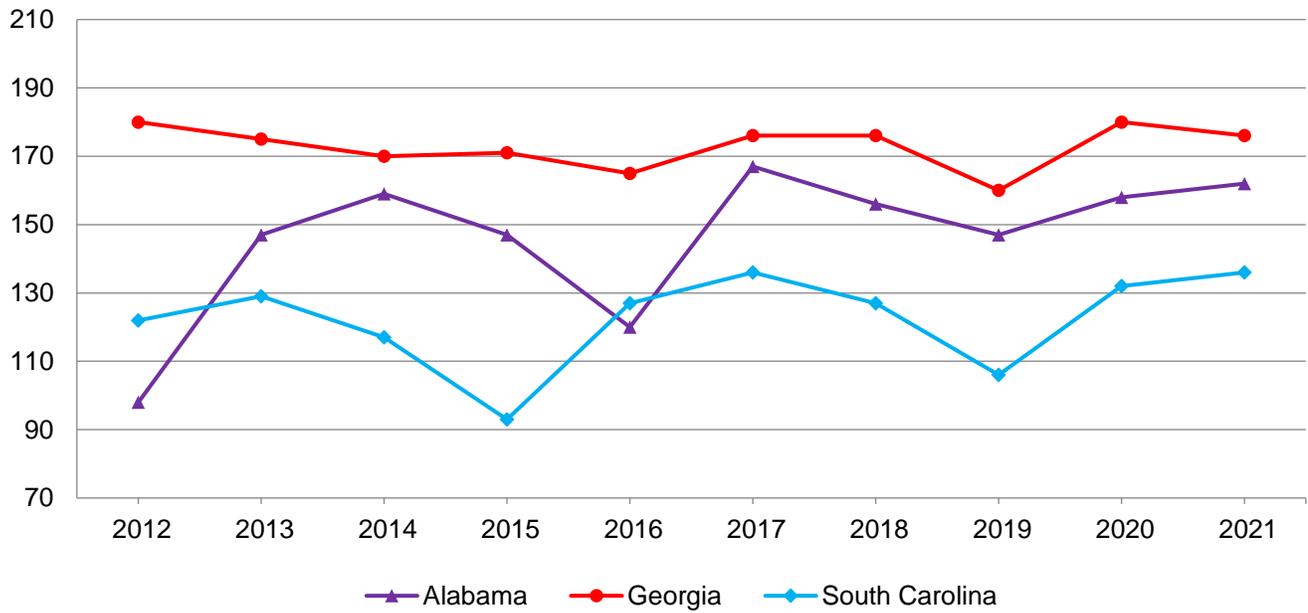
<sup>3</sup> Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

<sup>4</sup> For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), October 2021

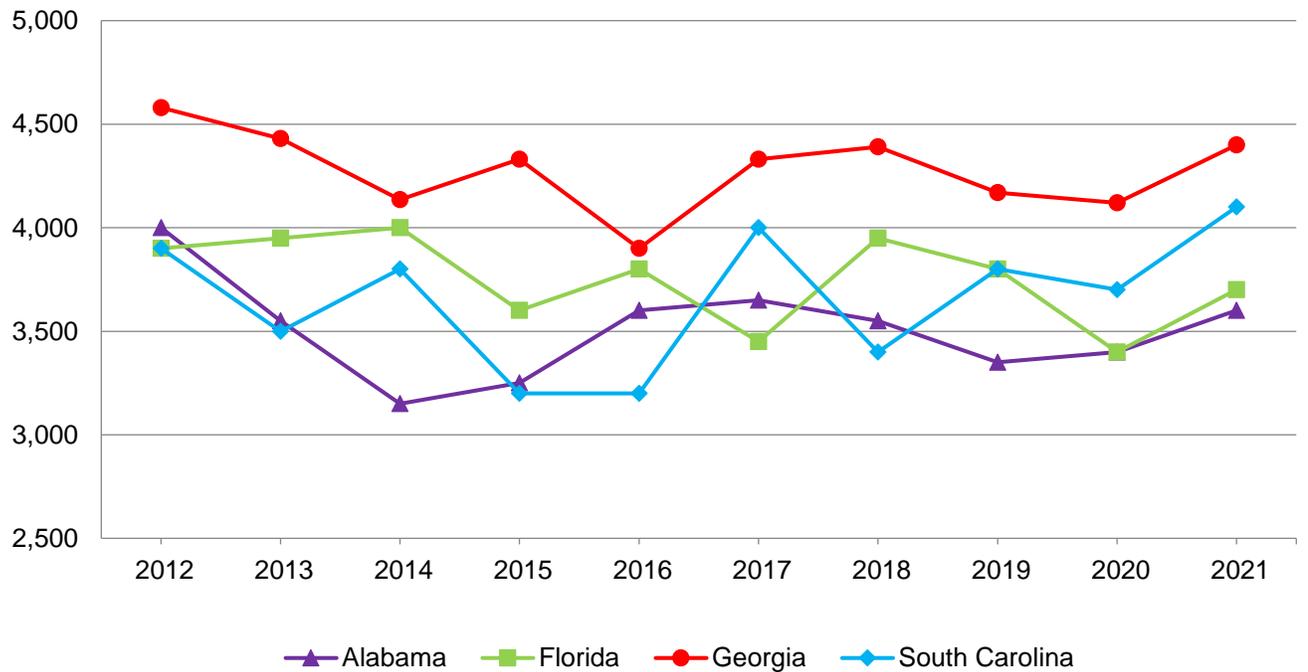
## Corn Yield – States: 2012-2021

Bushels per acre



## Peanut Yield – States: 2012-2021

Pounds per acre



## Pecan Production – States and United States: 2020 and Forecasted October 1, 2021

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2020 (1,000 pounds)	2021 (1,000 pounds)
Georgia.....	147,500	91,000
United States .....	305,360	258,000

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), October 2021

## Pecan Utilized Production – Georgia: 2012-2021

Thousand pounds

