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Key findings for the Southern Region from the *Crop Production 2016 Summary*

Alabama: Corn for grain production for 2016 totaled 37.8 million bushels, up 5 percent from 2015. Cotton planted area is up 10 percent from last year and production is estimated at 705,000 bales, a 27 percent increase. If realized, this will be a record high yield of 987 pounds per acre. Peanut planted area is down 13 percent with production totaling 623 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2015. Hindered by drought conditions throughout the summer, soybean production is down 35 percent from last year.

Florida: Despite a record high corn yield of 145 bushels per acre, production is down 18 percent from 2015. Cotton planted area is up 20 percent from last year and production is estimated at 200,000 bales, a 31 percent increase. If realized, this will be a record high yield of 960 pounds per acre. Peanut planted area is down 18 percent with production totaling 573 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2015. Soybean production is down 5 percent from last year.

Georgia: Corn for grain production for 2016 totaled 56.1 million bushels, up 15 percent from 2015. Cotton planted area is up 4 percent from last year and production is estimated at 2,200,000 bales, a 2 percent decrease. Peanut planted area is down 8 percent from last year. With the lowest yield since 2011, peanut production totalled 2.79 billion pounds, down 17 percent from 2015. Despite a record high grain sorghum yield, record low planted and harvested acreage resulted in the lowest sorghum grain production since 1966. Soybean production is down 46 percent from last year due to drought conditions. Tobacco production at 28.4 million pounds is down 13 percent from 2015.

South Carolina: Corn for grain production for 2016 totaled 44.5 million bushels, up 84 percent from 2015's flood damaged crop. Cotton planted area is down 19 percent from last year while production is up 68 percent at an estimated at 260,000 bales. Peanut planted area is down 2 percent with production totaling 350 million pounds, up 33 percent from 2015. Soybean production is up 28 percent from last year. Tobacco production at 24.7 million pounds is down 5 percent from 2015.

Hay Stocks on Farms — States and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2015 and 2016

State	May 1		December 1	
	2015 (1,000 tons)	2016 (1,000 tons)	2015 (1,000 tons)	2016 (1,000 tons)
Alabama	210	265	1,600	1,050
Florida	42	55	560	550
Georgia	195	195	1,100	950
South Carolina.....	80	75	360	380
United States.....	24,517	25,140	94,993	95,837

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, January 2017

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2015 and 2016

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn¹ (bushels)								
Alabama.....	260	330	245	315	147.0	120.0	36,015	37,800
Florida.....	80	80	50	40	141.0	145.0	7,050	5,800
Georgia.....	330	410	285	340	171.0	165.0	48,735	56,100
South Carolina.....	295	375	260	350	93.0	127.0	24,180	44,450
United States	88,019	94,004	80,753	86,748	168.4	174.6	13,601,964	15,148,038
Cotton, all² (bales)								
Alabama.....	315.0	345.0	307.0	343.0	866	987	554.0	705.0
Florida.....	85.0	102.0	83.0	100.0	885	960	153.0	200.0
Georgia.....	1,130.0	1,180.0	1,120.0	1,170.0	966	903	2,255.0	2,200.0
South Carolina.....	235.0	190.0	136.0	184.0	547	678	155.0	260.0
United States	8,580.5	10,074.5	8,074.9	9,521.7	766	855	12,888.0	16,958.5
Hay, all other (tons)								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	730	810	2.80	2.10	2,044	1,701
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	290	300	2.80	2.70	812	810
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	570	600	2.50	2.30	1,425	1,380
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	300	320	2.00	2.10	600	672
United States	(NA)	(NA)	36,669	36,576	2.06	2.09	75,528	76,518
Peanuts (pounds)								
Alabama.....	200.0	175.0	196.0	173.0	3,250	3,600	637,000	622,800
Florida.....	190.0	155.0	180.0	147.0	3,600	3,900	648,000	573,300
Georgia.....	785.0	720.0	777.0	709.0	4,330	3,940	3,364,410	2,793,460
South Carolina.....	112.0	110.0	82.0	106.0	3,200	3,300	262,400	349,800
United States	1,625.0	1,671.0	1,560.9	1,547.0	3,845	3,675	6,001,357	5,684,610
Sorghum¹ (bushels)								
Georgia.....	50	20	34	10	48.0	54.0	1,632	540
United States	8,459	6,690	7,851	6,163	76.0	77.9	596,751	480,261
Soybeans..... (bushels)								
Alabama.....	500	420	490	410	41.0	32.0	20,090	13,120
Florida.....	33	31	29	29	38.0	36.0	1,102	1,044
Georgia.....	325	260	310	240	43.0	30.0	13,330	7,200
South Carolina.....	475	420	370	405	26.5	31.0	9,805	12,555
United States	82,650	83,433	81,732	82,736	48.0	52.1	3,926,339	4,306,671
Sugarcane³ (tons)								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	413.0	430.0	42.7	40.9	17,653	17,607
United States	(NA)	(NA)	874.7	915.6	36.7	36.0	32,122	32,988
Tobacco..... (pounds)								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	13.5	13.5	2,400	2,100	32,400	28,350
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	13.0	13.0	2,000	1,900	26,000	24,700
United States	(NA)	(NA)	328.7	319.7	2,188	1,967	719,171	628,720

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Yield is pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

³ For sugar and seed.

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