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2017 Winter Wheat Production Down 25 Percent From 2016
Hay Stocks Down 3 Percent

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.25 billion bushels, down 25 percent from 2016. As of May 1, the yield is forecast at 48.8 bushels per acre, down 6.5 bushels from last year's record yield of 55.3 bushels per acre. State level data for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina will be released in the September *Small Grains Summary*.

All hay stored on United States farms as of May 1, 2017 totaled 24.4 million tons, down 3 percent from the previous May. Disappearance from December 1, 2016 - May 1, 2017 totaled 71.4 million tons, compared with 69.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

2016 Cotton Ginnings Up 33 Percent

A total of 16.7 million running bales were ginned during the 2016 season, up 33 percent from last season. There were 556 active cotton gins, down from the 560 gins that operated in 2015. Fifty-five percent of the gins processed more than 20,000 running bales compared with 42 percent the previous season.

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

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	315.0	345.0	307.0	343.0	866	988
Florida	85.0	103.0	83.0	102.0	885	922
Georgia	1,130.0	1,180.0	1,120.0	1,165.0	966	898
South Carolina.....	235.0	190.0	136.0	183.0	547	656
United States	8,580.5	10,072.5	8,074.9	9,507.8	766	867

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

Cotton Production and Bales Ginned — States and United States: 2015 and 2016

State	Production in 480-pound net weight bales ¹		Bales ginned in 480-pound net weight bales ²	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 bales)	(1,000 bales)	(bales)	(bales)
Alabama	554.0	706.0	545,500	691,600
Florida	153.0	196.0	113,950	150,300
Georgia	2,255.0	2,180.0	2,294,300	2,229,750
South Carolina.....	155.0	250.0	142,850	224,250
United States	12,888.0	17,169.9	12,866,650	17,140,400

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned.

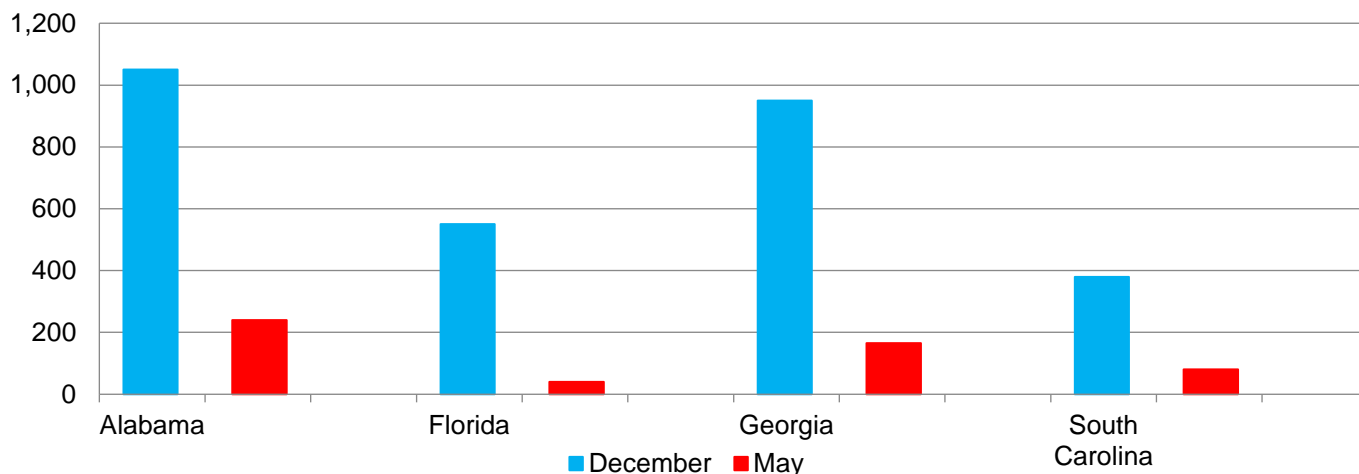
² Equivalent 480-pound net weight bales ginned, not adjusted for cross-state movement.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Cotton Ginnings 2016 Summary*, May 2017

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Hay Stocks on Farm — December 1, 2016 and May 1, 2017

1,000 tons



Hay Stocks on Farms — States and United States: December 1 and May 1, 2015-2017

State	December 1		May 1	
	2015	2016	2016	2017
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama	1,600	1,050	265	240
Florida.....	560	550	55	40
Georgia.....	1,100	950	195	165
South Carolina.....	360	380	75	80
United States	94,993	95,837	25,140	24,388

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

Spring Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2016 and Forecasted May 1, 2017

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Florida.....	25.0	26.0	22.9	25.2	235	240	5,382	6,048
United States ...	51.0	54.0	48.0	52.7	316	337	15,171	17,736

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