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Corn production in the United States is forecast at 14.3 billion bushels, down 6 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 171.8 bushels per acre. Soybean production is forecast at a record high 4.43 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 21.1 million 480-pound bales, up 23 percent from 2016.

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

**Alabama:** Corn area planted for all purposes remains at 250,000 acres. With yield forecast at a record high 170 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is at 40.0 million bushels, up 6 percent from 2016. Cotton production forecasted at 870,000 bales is up 23 percent from last year. Up 30 percent from last year, peanut production is forecast at 806 million pounds with a record high yield of 4,200 pounds per acre. Soybean planted acreage is revised down 100,000 acres from June to 350,000 acres. Production is forecast at 15.0 million bushels, up 14 percent from 2016. Pecan production is forecast at 2.40 million pounds, an increase of 9 percent from last year.

**Florida:** Corn area planted for all purposes is revised down 5,000 to 75,000 acres. Cotton yield is forecast at a record high 931 pounds per acre. Production is forecast at 190,000 bales, a 3 percent decrease from last year. Due to a 200 pound decrease in yield from last month, forecasted peanut production decreased to 641 million pounds. Soybean planted acreage is revised down from June to 15,000 acres. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 17.4 million tons, up 3 percent from 2016.

**Georgia:** Corn area planted for all purposes is revised down to 290,000 acres, an 80,000 acre decrease from June. Corn for grain production is forecast at 46.0 million bushels, down 18 percent from 2016. Yield is forecast at a record high 184 bushels per acre. Cotton production is forecast at 2.4 million bales, a decrease of 300,000 bales from last month but up 10 percent from last year. Peanut production forecast remains at a record high 3.90 billion pounds, up 42 percent from 2016. Soybean planted acreage is revised down 25,000 acres to 155,000 acres. With a record high yield of 45 bushels per acre, production is forecast at 6.53 million bushels, down 9 percent from 2016. Tobacco production remains at 25.0 million pounds, down 12 percent from last year. Pecan production is forecast at 81.0 million pounds, a decrease of 26 percent from last year.

**South Carolina:** Corn area planted for all purposes is revised up 10,000 acres from June to 350,000 acres. With a yield forecast at a record high 135 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is forecast at 43.9 million bushels, just shy of last year's record high production. Cotton production forecasted at 480,000 bales is up 92 percent from 2016. Forecasted peanut production remains at a record high 468 million pounds, up 38 percent from last year. Soybean planted acreage is revised up 20,000 acres from June to 400,000 acres. With a record high yield of 36 bushels per acre, production is forecast at 14.0 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2016. Tobacco production is forecast at 22.8 million pounds, down 8 percent from last year.

**Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2016 and Forecasted October 1, 2017**

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017		2016	2017
						September 1	October 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn <sup>1</sup> .....(bushels)									
Alabama.....	330	250	315	235	120.0	167.0	170.0	37,800	39,950
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	80	75	40	42	145.0			5,800	
Georgia.....	410	290	340	250	165.0	182.0	184.0	56,100	46,000
South Carolina.....	375	350	350	325	127.0	135.0	135.0	44,450	43,875
United States .....	94,004	90,429	86,748	83,119	174.6	169.9	171.8	15,148,038	14,280,112
Cotton, all <sup>3</sup> ..... (bales)									
Alabama.....	345.0	435.0	343.0	428.0	988	953	976	706.0	870.0
Florida.....	103.0	100.0	102.0	98.0	922	882	931	196.0	190.0
Georgia.....	1,180.0	1,290.0	1,165.0	1,280.0	898	1,013	900	2,180.0	2,400.0
South Carolina.....	190.0	250.0	183.0	245.0	656	960	940	250.0	480.0
United States .....	10,072.5	12,618.5	9,507.8	11,405.2	867	908	889	17,169.9	21,115.0
Hay, all other..... (tons)									
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	810	790	2.10	(NA)	2.80	1,701	2,212
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	300		2.70	(NA)		810	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	600	600	2.30	(NA)	2.80	1,380	1,680
South Carolina <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	320		2.10	(NA)		672	
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	36,576	36,407	2.09	(NA)	2.08	76,518	75,886
Peanuts ..... (pounds)									
Alabama.....	175.0	195.0	172.0	192.0	3,600	4,100	4,200	619,200	806,400
Florida.....	155.0	195.0	146.0	183.0	3,800	3,700	3,500	554,800	640,500
Georgia.....	720.0	840.0	706.0	830.0	3,900	4,700	4,700	2,753,400	3,901,000
South Carolina.....	110.0	125.0	106.0	120.0	3,200	3,900	3,900	339,200	468,000
United States .....	1,671.0	1,881.0	1,536.0	1,829.0	3,634	4,254	4,257	5,581,570	7,786,000
Soybeans.....(bushels)									
Alabama.....	420	350	410	340	32.0	44.0	44.0	13,120	14,960
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	31	15	29	14	36.0			1,044	
Georgia.....	260	155	240	145	30.0	44.0	45.0	7,200	6,525
South Carolina.....	420	400	405	390	31.0	36.0	36.0	12,555	14,040
United States .....	83,433	90,207	82,696	89,471	52.0	49.9	49.5	4,296,086	4,430,621
Sugarcane <sup>4</sup> ..... (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	417.0	414.0	40.5	42.5	42.1	16,904	17,429
United States .....	NA	(NA)	903.1	895.3	35.6	36.1	36.3	32,118	32,521
Tobacco..... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	13.5	12.5	2,100	2,000	2,000	28,350	25,000
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	13.0	12.0	1,900	2,000	1,900	24,700	22,800
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	319.7	321.3	1,967	2,248	2,253	628,720	723,697

(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 2017 Summary*, released January 2018.

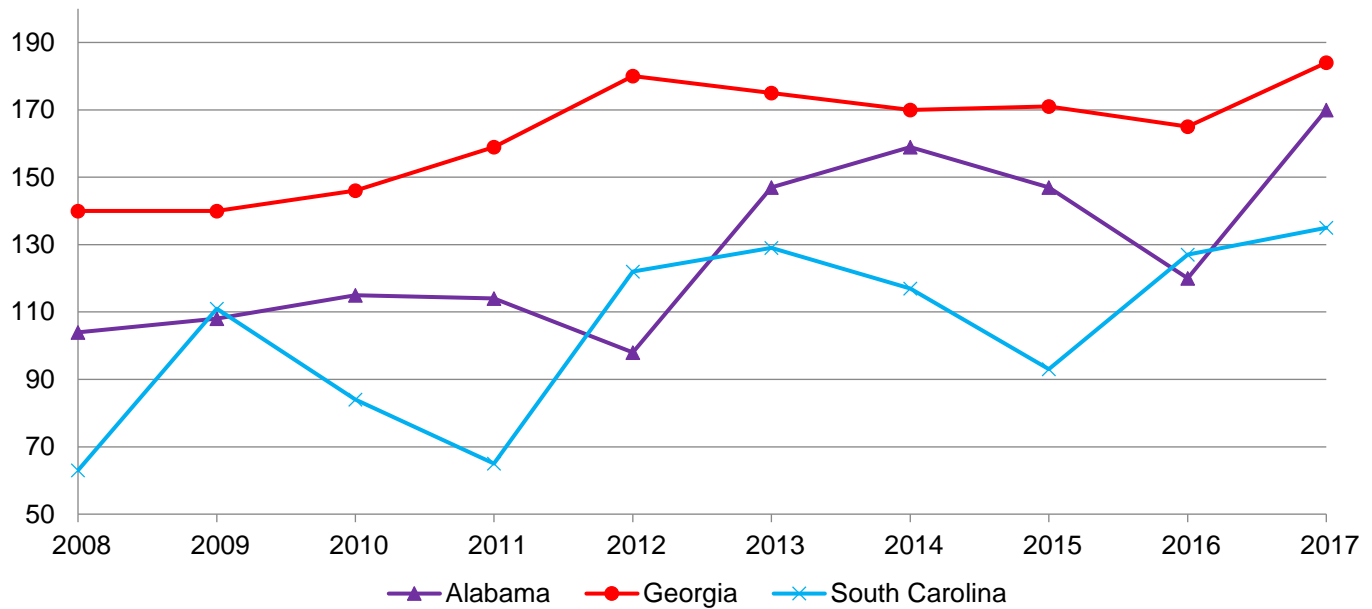
<sup>3</sup> Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

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

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

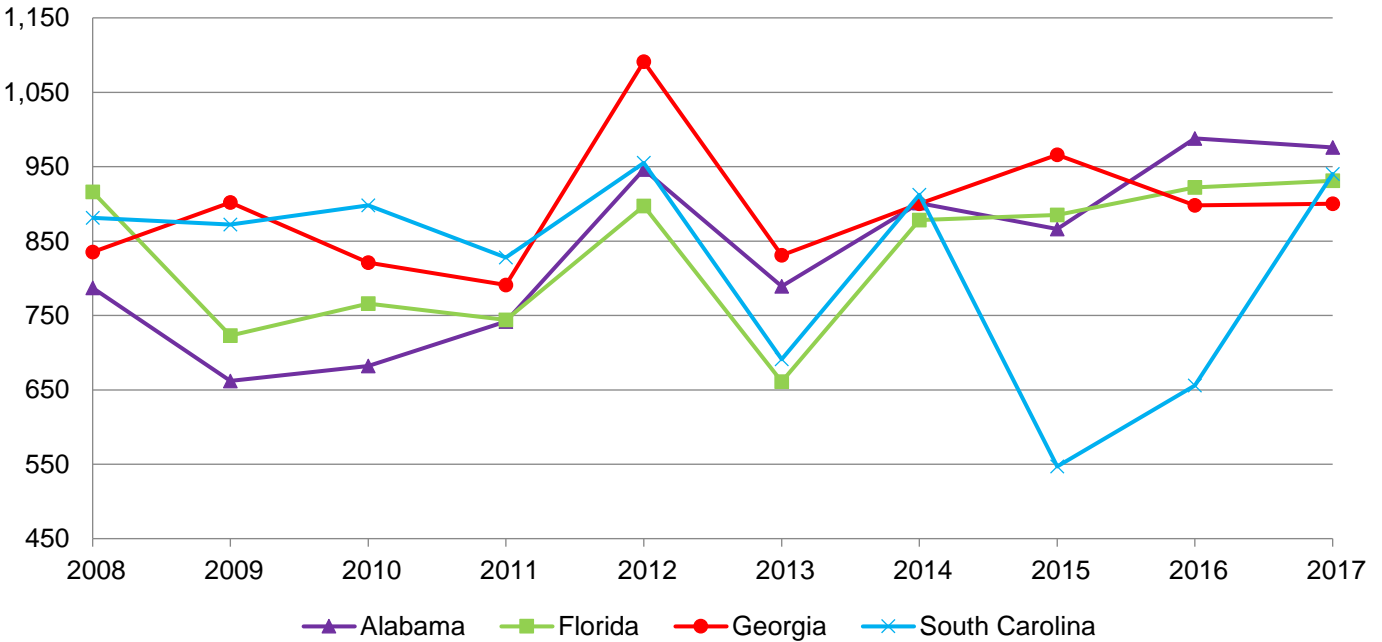
## Southern Region Corn Yield — Selected States: 2008-2017

Bushels per acre



## Southern Region Cotton Yield : 2008-2017

Pounds per acre



## Pecan Production — States and United States: 2016 and Forecasted October 1, 2017

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2016 (1,000 pounds)	2017 (1,000 pounds)
Alabama .....	2,200	2,400
Georgia .....	109,000	81,000
United States .....	268,770	277,400

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

## Georgia Pecan Utilized Production: 2008-2017

1,000 pounds

