Crop Production

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Due to changes to the external funding through a cooperative agreement, this report does not contain forecasted citrus production estimates for the state of Florida. For the 2025-2026 season, citrus production forecasts for all program states, including Florida, will be released quarterly on January 12, 2026, April 9, 2026, and July 10, 2026.

Cotton Production Up 1 Percent from November Forecast

All cotton production is forecast at 14.3 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 1 percent from 2024. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 929 pounds per harvested acre, up 10 pounds from the previous forecast and up 43 pounds from 2024. Upland cotton production is forecast at 13.9 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down less than 1 percent from 2024. Pima cotton production is forecast at 378,000 bales, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 20 percent from 2024.

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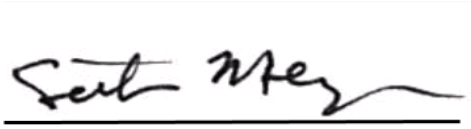

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Type and State	Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production [1]	
	2024	2025	2024	2025		2024	2025
				November 1	December 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 bales) [2]	(1,000 bales) [2]
Upland							
Alabama	396.0	285.0	816	943	1,011	673.0	600.0
Arizona	95.0	89.0	1,299	1,240	1,294	257.0	240.0
Arkansas	640.0	515.0	1,341	1,491	1,538	1,788.0	1,650.0
California	20.7	17.7	1,739	1,492	1,763	75.0	65.0
Florida	82.0	60.0	697	800	960	119.0	120.0
Georgia	1,080.0	830.0	858	983	1,012	1,930.0	1,750.0
Kansas	124.0	85.0	778	847	847	201.0	150.0
Louisiana	148.0	84.0	1,070	1,314	1,486	330.0	260.0
Mississippi	515.0	325.0	1,157	1,182	1,329	1,241.0	900.0
Missouri	380.0	340.0	1,320	1,384	1,313	1,045.0	930.0
New Mexico	28.0	20.0	703	1,200	720	41.0	30.0
North Carolina	400.0	275.0	942	995	1,152	785.0	660.0
Oklahoma	185.0	275.0	701	820	785	270.0	450.0
South Carolina	221.0	167.0	860	891	977	396.0	340.0
Tennessee	250.0	190.0	1,052	1,213	1,440	548.0	570.0
Texas	2,950.0	3,600.0	656	707	667	4,030.0	5,000.0
Virginia	90.0	72.0	1,136	1,000	1,167	213.0	175.0
United States	7,604.7	7,229.7	880	912	922	13,942.0	13,890.0
American Pima							
Arizona	14.0	15.5	1,029	929	1,053	30.0	34.0
California	142.0	91.0	1,237	1,582	1,582	366.0	300.0
New Mexico	14.5	12.7	794	756	529	24.0	14.0
Texas	30.0	20.0	816	720	720	51.0	30.0
United States	200.5	139.2	1,128	1,310	1,303	471.0	378.0
All							
Alabama	396.0	285.0	816	943	1,011	673.0	600.0
Arizona	109.0	104.5	1,264	1,194	1,259	287.0	274.0
Arkansas	640.0	515.0	1,341	1,491	1,538	1,788.0	1,650.0
California	162.7	108.7	1,301	1,568	1,612	441.0	365.0
Florida	82.0	60.0	697	800	960	119.0	120.0
Georgia	1,080.0	830.0	858	983	1,012	1,930.0	1,750.0
Kansas	124.0	85.0	778	847	847	201.0	150.0
Louisiana	148.0	84.0	1,070	1,314	1,486	330.0	260.0
Mississippi	515.0	325.0	1,157	1,182	1,329	1,241.0	900.0
Missouri	380.0	340.0	1,320	1,384	1,313	1,045.0	930.0
New Mexico	42.5	32.7	734	1,028	646	65.0	44.0
North Carolina	400.0	275.0	942	995	1,152	785.0	660.0
Oklahoma	185.0	275.0	701	820	785	270.0	450.0
South Carolina	221.0	167.0	860	891	977	396.0	340.0
Tennessee	250.0	190.0	1,052	1,213	1,440	548.0	570.0
Texas	2,980.0	3,620.0	657	707	667	4,081.0	5,030.0
Virginia	90.0	72.0	1,136	1,000	1,167	213.0	175.0
United States	7,805.2	7,368.9	886	919	929	14,413.0	14,268.0

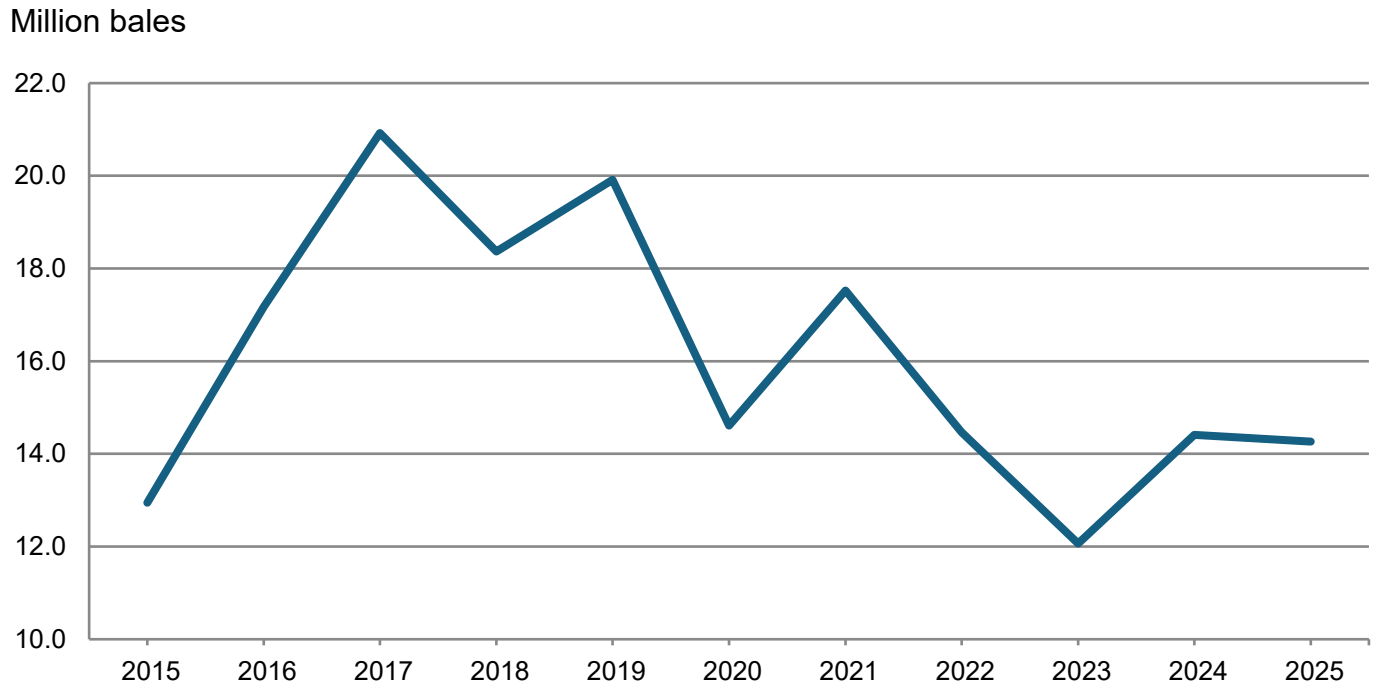
[1] Production ginned and to be ginned.
[2] 480-pound net weight bale.

Cottonseed Production – United States: 2024 and Forecasted December 1, 2025

State	Production	
	2024	2025 [1]
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
United States	4,262.0	4,308.0

[1] Based on a 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

Cotton Production - United States



Sugarcane for Sugar and Seed Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2024 and Forecasted December 1, 2025

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre [1]			Production [1]	
	2024	2025	2024	2025		2024	2025
				November 1	December 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Florida	396.7	412.0	45.4	45.2	45.0	18,020	18,540
Louisiana	523.3	527.0	31.3	32.5	32.7	16,361	17,233
United States	920.0	939.0	37.4	38.1	38.1	34,381	35,773

[1] Net tons.

Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Domestic Units – United States: 2024 and 2025

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Crop	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Grains and hay				
Barley	2,381	2,299	1,885	1,761
Corn for grain [1]	90,909	98,728	83,046	90,047
Corn for silage	(NA)		6,207	
Hay, all	(NA)	(NA)	49,390	49,725
Alfalfa	(NA)	(NA)	14,612	14,192
All other	(NA)	(NA)	34,778	35,533
Oats	2,235	2,370	894	944
Proso millet	481	410	427	
Rice	2,910	2,823	2,867	2,762
Rye	2,206	2,229	402	341
Sorghum for grain [1]	6,300	6,645	5,605	5,715
Sorghum for silage	(NA)		306	
Wheat, all	46,274	45,328	38,633	37,241
Winter	33,535	33,153	26,207	25,508
Durum	2,064	2,185	2,036	2,123
Other spring	10,675	9,990	10,390	9,610
Oilseeds				
Canola	2,751.5	2,388.0	2,710.0	2,349.0
Cottonseed	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Flaxseed	148	375	140	348
Mustard seed	185.0	165.0	176.9	155.8
Peanuts	1,801.0	1,954.0	1,743.0	1,901.0
Rapeseed	17.5	20.1	15.7	18.0
Safflower	116.6	130.0	108.0	122.0
Soybeans for beans	87,260	81,135	86,208	80,313
Sunflower	720.8	998.0	686.1	957.7
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops				
Cotton, all	11,183.0	9,296.0	7,805.2	7,368.9
Upland	10,976.0	9,153.0	7,604.7	7,229.7
American Pima	207.0	143.0	200.5	139.2
Sugarbeets	1,104.3	1,079.7	1,085.5	1,068.8
Sugarcane	(NA)	(NA)	920.0	939.0
Tobacco	(NA)	(NA)	167.5	170.6
Dry beans, peas, and lentils				
Chickpeas	502.0	541.0	492.4	524.0
Dry edible beans	1,533.0	1,389.0	1,503.6	1,364.5
Dry edible peas	976.0	1,179.0	939.9	1,134.0
Lentils	936.0	1,073.0	903.0	1,051.0
Potatoes and miscellaneous				
Hops	(NA)	(NA)	44.8	41.9
Maple syrup	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Mushrooms	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peppermint oil	(NA)		23.2	
Potatoes	932.0	901.0	927.0	894.8
Spearmint oil	(NA)		10.3	

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Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Domestic Units – United States: 2024 and 2025 (continued)

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Crop	Yield per acre		Production	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
			(1,000)	(1,000)
Grains and hay				
Barley ..... bushels	76.6	80.0	144,442	140,849
Corn for grain ..... bushels	179.3	186.0	14,891,756	16,752,193
Corn for silage ..... tons	20.2		125,590	
Hay, all ..... tons	2.48	2.48	122,462	123,500
Alfalfa ..... tons	3.41	3.51	49,840	49,748
All other ..... tons	2.09	2.08	72,622	73,752
Oats ..... bushels	76.4	73.8	68,335	69,626
Proso millet ..... bushels	32.9		14,061	
Rice [2] ..... cwt	7,748	7,506	222,133	207,310
Rye ..... bushels	36.6	36.5	14,729	12,459
Sorghum for grain ..... bushels	61.3	75.0	343,850	428,390
Sorghum for silage ..... tons	13.3		4,062	
Wheat, all ..... bushels	51.2	53.3	1,978,697	1,984,537
Winter ..... bushels	51.7	54.9	1,354,436	1,401,554
Durum ..... bushels	39.3	40.6	80,051	86,223
Other spring ..... bushels	52.4	51.7	544,210	496,760
Oilseeds				
Canola ..... pounds	1,784		4,834,030	
Cottonseed ..... tons	(X)	(X)	4,262.0	4,308.0
Flaxseed ..... bushels	17.3		2,420	
Mustard seed ..... pounds	577		102,015	
Peanuts ..... pounds	3,723	3,930	6,488,820	7,470,100
Rapeseed ..... pounds	2,019		31,705	
Safflower ..... pounds	1,200		129,585	
Soybeans for beans ..... bushels	50.7	53.0	4,374,228	4,253,107
Sunflower ..... pounds	1,670		1,145,605	
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops				
Cotton, all [2] ..... bales	886	929	14,413.0	14,268.0
Upland [2] ..... bales	880	922	13,942.0	13,890.0
American Pima [2] ..... bales	1,128	1,303	471.0	378.0
Sugarbeets ..... tons	32.5	32.9	35,278	35,113
Sugarcane ..... tons	37.4	38.1	34,381	35,773
Tobacco ..... pounds	1,942	2,209	325,220	376,830
Dry beans, peas, and lentils				
Chickpeas [2] ..... cwt	1,144	1,418	5,632	7,430
Dry edible beans [2] ..... cwt	2,081	2,203	31,289	30,056
Dry edible peas [2] ..... cwt	1,775	1,814	16,679	20,576
Lentils [2] ..... cwt	1,002	1,055	9,049	11,083
Potatoes and miscellaneous				
Hops ..... pounds	1,944	1,958	87,072.2	82,103.4
Maple syrup ..... gallons	(NA)	(NA)	5,860	5,771
Mushrooms ..... pounds	(NA)	(NA)	658,604	669,930
Peppermint oil ..... pounds	103		2,391	
Potatoes ..... cwt	454	461	421,172	412,062
Spearmint oil ..... pounds	132		1,357	

(NA) Not available.
(X) Not applicable.
[1] Area planted for all purposes.
[2] Yield in pounds.

Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Metric Units – United States: 2024 and 2025

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Crop	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)
Grains and hay				
Barley	963,570	930,380	762,840	712,660
Corn for grain [1]	36,789,960	39,954,230	33,607,890	36,441,120
Corn for silage	(NA)		2,511,910	
Hay, all [2]	(NA)	(NA)	19,987,640	20,123,210
Alfalfa	(NA)	(NA)	5,913,330	5,743,360
All other	(NA)	(NA)	14,074,310	14,379,850
Oats	904,480	959,120	361,790	382,030
Proso millet	194,660	165,920	172,800	
Rice	1,177,650	1,142,440	1,160,250	1,117,750
Rye	892,750	902,050	162,690	138,000
Sorghum for grain [1]	2,549,550	2,689,170	2,268,290	2,312,800
Sorghum for silage	(NA)		123,840	
Wheat, all [2]	18,726,630	18,343,790	15,634,390	15,071,060
Winter	13,571,280	13,416,690	10,605,710	10,322,830
Durum	835,280	884,250	823,950	859,160
Other spring	4,320,070	4,042,850	4,204,730	3,889,070
Oilseeds				
Canola	1,113,500	966,400	1,096,710	950,620
Cottonseed	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Flaxseed	59,890	151,760	56,660	140,830
Mustard seed	74,870	66,770	71,590	63,050
Peanuts	728,850	790,760	705,370	769,320
Rapeseed	7,080	8,130	6,350	7,280
Safflower	47,190	52,610	43,710	49,370
Soybeans for beans	35,313,250	32,834,520	34,887,520	32,501,870
Sunflower	291,700	403,880	277,660	387,570
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops				
Cotton, all [2]	4,525,650	3,762,000	3,158,690	2,982,120
Upland	4,441,880	3,704,130	3,077,550	2,925,790
American Pima	83,770	57,870	81,140	56,330
Sugarbeets	446,900	436,940	439,290	432,530
Sugarcane	(NA)	(NA)	372,310	380,000
Tobacco	(NA)	(NA)	67,770	69,040
Dry beans, peas, and lentils				
Chickpeas	203,150	218,940	199,270	212,060
Dry edible beans	620,390	562,110	608,490	552,200
Dry edible peas	394,980	477,130	380,370	458,920
Lentils	378,790	434,230	365,440	425,330
Potatoes and miscellaneous				
Hops	(NA)	(NA)	18,130	16,970
Maple syrup	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Mushrooms	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Peppermint oil	(NA)		9,390	
Potatoes	377,170	364,630	375,150	362,120
Spearmint oil	(NA)		4,170	

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Crop Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production in Metric Units – United States: 2024 and 2025 (continued)

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Crop	Yield per hectare		Production	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)
Grains and hay				
Barley	4.12	4.30	3,144,850	3,066,620
Corn for grain	11.26	11.68	378,268,030	425,525,300
Corn for silage	45.36		113,933,330	
Hay, all [2]	5.56	5.57	111,095,660	112,037,320
Alfalfa	7.65	7.86	45,214,090	45,130,630
All other	4.68	4.65	65,881,570	66,906,690
Oats	2.74	2.65	991,880	1,010,620
Proso millet	1.85		318,900	
Rice	8.68	8.41	10,075,780	9,403,420
Rye	2.30	2.29	374,130	316,470
Sorghum for grain	3.85	4.70	8,734,190	10,881,610
Sorghum for silage	29.76		3,684,980	
Wheat, all [2]	3.44	3.58	53,851,310	54,010,250
Winter	3.48	3.70	36,861,710	38,144,050
Durum	2.64	2.73	2,178,630	2,346,610
Other spring	3.52	3.48	14,810,970	13,519,590
Oilseeds				
Canola	2.00		2,192,680	
Cottonseed	(X)	(X)	3,866,420	3,908,150
Flaxseed	1.08		61,470	
Mustard seed	0.65		46,270	
Peanuts	4.17	4.40	2,943,280	3,388,380
Rapeseed	2.26		14,380	
Safflower	1.34		58,780	
Soybeans for beans	3.41	3.56	119,046,980	115,750,600
Sunflower	1.87		519,640	
Cotton, tobacco, and sugar crops				
Cotton, all [2]	0.99	1.04	3,138,060	3,106,490
Upland	0.99	1.03	3,035,510	3,024,190
American Pima	1.26	1.46	102,550	82,300
Sugarbeets	72.85	73.65	32,003,660	31,853,980
Sugarcane	83.77	85.40	31,189,920	32,452,720
Tobacco	2.18	2.48	147,520	170,930
Dry beans, peas, and lentils				
Chickpeas	1.28	1.59	255,460	337,020
Dry edible beans	2.33	2.47	1,419,250	1,363,320
Dry edible peas	1.99	2.03	756,550	933,310
Lentils	1.12	1.18	410,460	502,720
Potatoes and miscellaneous				
Hops	2.18	2.19	39,500	37,240
Maple syrup	(NA)	(NA)	29,300	28,860
Mushrooms	(NA)	(NA)	298,740	303,870
Peppermint oil	0.12		1,080	
Potatoes	50.92	51.62	19,104,040	18,690,820
Spearmint oil	0.15		620	

(NA) Not available.
(X) Not applicable.
[1] Area planted for all purposes.
[2] Total may not add due to rounding.

Fruits and Nuts Production in Domestic Units – United States: 2025 and 2026

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Crop		Production	
		2025	2026
Citrus [1]			
Grapefruit	1,000 tons	299	
Lemons	1,000 tons	1,107	
Oranges	1,000 tons	2,394	
Tangerines and mandarins	1,000 tons	1,223	
Noncitrus			
Apples, commercial	million pounds	11,470.0	
Apricots	tons	30,700	
Avocados	tons		
Blueberries, Cultivated	1,000 pounds		
Blueberries, Wild (Maine)	1,000 pounds		
Cherries, Sweet	tons	383,000	
Cherries, Tart	million pounds	138.5	
Coffee (Hawaii)	1,000 pounds		
Cranberries	barrel	8,130,000	
Dates	tons		
Grapes	tons	5,590,000	
Kiwifruit (California)	tons		
Nectarines (California)	tons		
Olives (California)	tons		
Papayas (Hawaii)	1,000 pounds		
Peaches	tons	682,500	
Pears	tons	625,000	
Plums (California)	tons		
Prunes (California)	tons		
Raspberries, all	1,000 pounds		
Strawberries	1,000 cwt		
Nuts and miscellaneous			
Almonds, shelled (California)	1,000 pounds	3,000,000	
Hazelnuts, in-shell (Oregon)	tons		
Macadamias (Hawaii)	1,000 pounds		
Pecans, in-shell	1,000 pounds		
Pistachios (California)	1,000 pounds		
Walnuts, in-shell (California)	tons	710,000	

[1] Production years are 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Fruits and Nuts Production in Metric Units – United States: 2025 and 2026

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Crop	Production	
	2025	2026
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)
Citrus [1]		
Grapefruit	271,250	
Lemons	1,004,250	
Oranges	2,171,800	
Tangerines and mandarins	1,109,490	
Noncitrus		
Apples, commercial	5,202,700	
Apricots	27,850	
Avocados		
Blueberries, Cultivated		
Blueberries, Wild (Maine)		
Cherries, Sweet	347,450	
Cherries, Tart	62,820	
Coffee (Hawaii)		
Cranberries	368,770	
Dates		
Grapes	5,071,160	
Kiwifruit (California)		
Nectarines (California)		
Olives (California)		
Papayas (Hawaii)		
Peaches	619,150	
Pears	566,990	
Plums (California)		
Prunes (California)		
Raspberries, all		
Strawberries		
Nuts and miscellaneous		
Almonds, shelled (California)	1,360,780	
Hazelnuts, in-shell (Oregon)		
Macadamias (Hawaii)		
Pecans, in-shell		
Pistachios (California)		
Walnuts, in-shell (California)	644,100	

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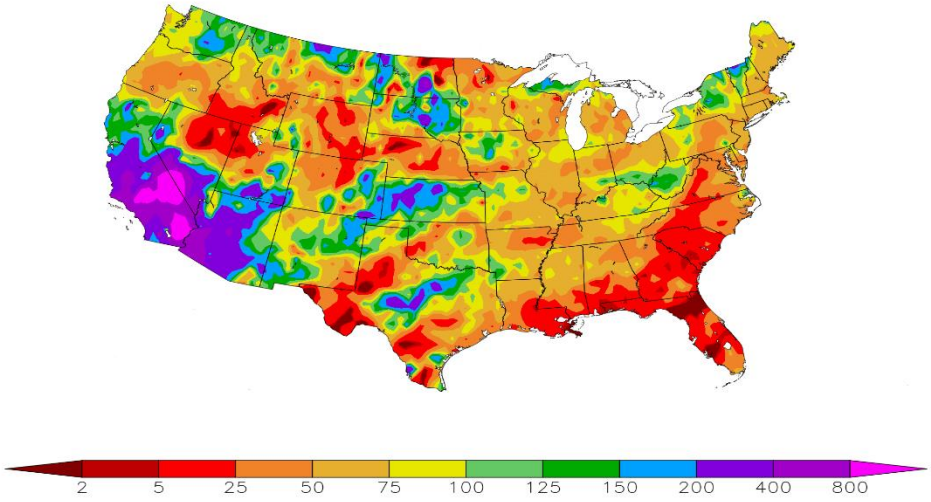
Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
11/1/2025 – 11/30/2025



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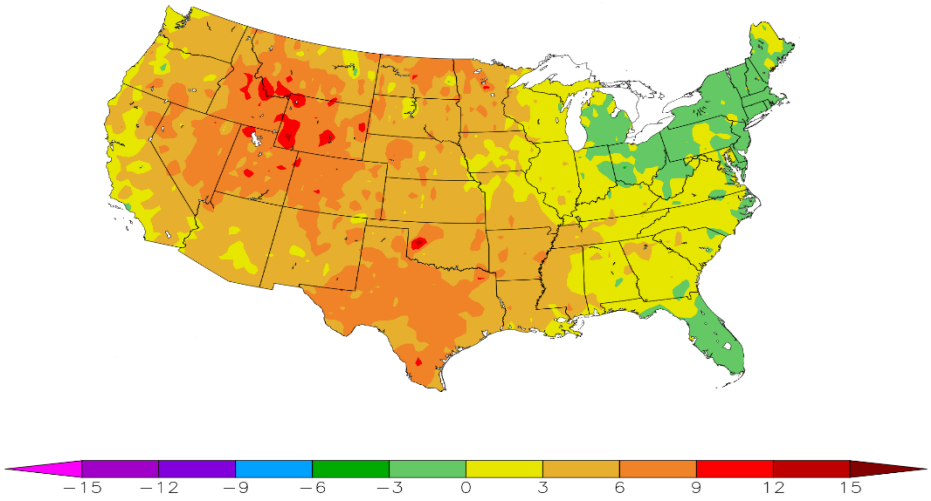
Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
11/1/2025 – 11/30/2025



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November Weather Summary

Highlights: November warmth dominated the western and central United States, until a late-autumn pattern change delivered sharply colder air across most areas east of the Rockies. Still, monthly temperatures averaged at least 4 to 6 degrees F above normal in the south-central United States, including Texas. In the West, where warmth lingered through the end of the month, November temperatures generally averaged 4 to 8 degrees F above normal, except in portions of the Pacific-Coast-States and Desert-Southwest. Conversely, near- or below-normal temperatures blanketed the eastern United States, with monthly readings averaging 2 to 4 degrees F below normal in parts of the Northeast, especially near the Canadian border.

Despite the mild Western weather, significant, early-season precipitation—including high-elevation snow—fell across central and southern California and the Desert Southwest, leading to some of the highest November totals on record. A separate area of significant November precipitation grazed the northern tier of the western United States, while drier-than-normal conditions affected much of the Intermountain West. Largely on the strength of the Western wet spots, drought coverage across the Lower 48 States decreased nearly 5 percentage points (from 46.12 to 41.42 percent) in mid- to late November, according to the *U.S. Drought Monitor*.

Farther east, mixed conditions were observed on the Plains. Due to drought-related impacts on the northern and southern Plains, the portion of the winter wheat crop rated in very poor to poor condition on November 23 was above the national value of 17 percent in Texas (36 percent very poor to poor), Montana (29 percent), and Oklahoma (24 percent). In contrast, more than one-half of the wheat was rated in good to excellent condition on that date in Nebraska (54 percent), Colorado (69 percent), and top producer Kansas (62 percent).

Meanwhile, portions of the South, East, and lower Midwest were plagued by drought, with variable impacts on surface water supplies, as well as pastures, winter grains, and cover crops. By November 23, USDA/NASS statewide topsoil moisture in agricultural regions was rated more than one-half very short to short in all Gulf Coast States, led by Louisiana (82 percent). Short-term dryness extended into the southern Atlantic region, where Georgia's topsoil moisture was rated 83 percent very short to short on that date.

Most harvest activities were nearing completion by late November. In fact, 96 percent of the Nation's corn acreage had been harvested by November 23, with Pennsylvania and North Dakota—both 89 percent harvested—being the only states failing to reach 90 percent harvested on that date. Elsewhere, the national cotton harvest was 79 percent complete by November 23, on par with the 5-year average of 80 percent, while harvest activities for sorghum (91 percent complete) and sunflowers (86 percent) were slightly behind the respective 5-year averages of 97 and 91 percent.

November Agricultural Summary

November brought mixed conditions across key U.S. agricultural regions. Much of the West and the Nation's midsection recorded above-normal November temperatures. Parts of the Rockies and Texas observed monthly temperatures 6°F or more above normal. In contrast, portions of the Great Lakes, Ohio Valley, New England, and Florida recorded temperatures up to 3°F below normal. Meanwhile, drier-than-normal conditions dominated much of the Southeast, while portions of the Southwest and Great Plains received at least twice the normal November precipitation.

Ninety-one percent of the 2025 corn acreage had been harvested by November 16, seven percentage points behind last year and 3 percentage points behind the 5-year average. By November 23, ninety-six percent of the 2025 corn acreage had been harvested, 4 percentage points behind last year and 1 percentage point behind the 5-year average. By November 23, corn acreage was at or beyond 95 percent harvested in 12 of the 18 estimating States.

Ninety-five percent of the soybean acreage had been harvested by November 16, three percentage points behind last year and 1 percentage point behind the 5-year average. Soybean harvest progress was at or beyond 95 percent complete in 12 of the 18 estimating States by November 16.

Seventy-one percent of the cotton acreage had been harvested by November 16, five percentage points behind last year and 1 percentage point behind the 5-year average. By November 23, seventy-nine percent of the cotton acreage had been

harvested, 4 percentage points behind last year and 1 percentage point behind the 5-year average. Cotton harvest was complete or nearly complete in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri by November 23.

Nationwide, producers had sown 92 percent of the intended 2026 winter wheat acreage by November 16, two percentage points behind last year and 3 percentage points behind the 5-year average. By November 16, seventy-nine percent of the winter wheat acreage had emerged, 4 percentage points behind last year and 5 percentage points behind the 5-year average. By November 23, producers had sown 97 percent of the intended 2026 winter wheat acreage, equal to both last year and the 5-year average. By November 23, eighty-seven percent of the winter wheat acreage had emerged, 1 percentage point behind last year and 2 percentage points behind the 5-year average. On November 23, forty-eight percent of the Nation's winter wheat crop was rated in good to excellent condition, 7 percentage points below the same time last year.

Eighty-two percent of the 2025 sorghum acreage had been harvested by November 16, twelve percentage points behind both last year and the 5-year average. By November 23, ninety-one percent of the 2025 sorghum acreage had been harvested, 7 percentage points behind last year and 6 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Harvest activity was most advanced in Colorado and Texas, where 98 percent of the crop had been harvested by November 23.

Eighty-eight percent of the 2025 peanut acreage had been harvested by November 16, one percentage point ahead of last year but 1 percentage point behind the 5-year average. By November 23, ninety-four percent of the 2025 peanut acreage had been harvested, 2 percentage points ahead of last year but equal to the 5-year average. Peanut acreage was at or beyond 95 percent harvested in 6 of 8 estimating States by November 23.

Ninety-nine percent of the 2025 sugarbeet acreage had been harvested by November 16, equal to both last year and the 5-year average.

Seventy-eight percent of the 2025 sunflower had been harvested by November 16, nine percentage points behind last year and 7 percentage points behind the 5-year average. By November 23, eighty-six percent of the 2025 sunflower had been harvested, 6 percentage points behind last year and 5 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

Crop Comments

Cotton: Upland harvested area for the Nation is expected to total 7.23 million acres, unchanged from the previous estimate but down 5 percent from last year. Pima harvested area is expected to total 139,200 acres, unchanged from the previous estimate but down 31 percent from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 13.9 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down less than 1 percent from 2024. Based on conditions as of December 1, upland yields are expected to average 922 pounds per harvested acre, up 10 pounds from the previous forecast and up 42 pounds from 2024. Pima cotton production is forecast at 378,000 bales, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 20 percent from 2024. Based on conditions as of December 1, Pima yields are expected to average 1,303 pounds per harvested acre, down 7 pounds from the previous forecast but up 175 pounds from 2024.

Record high yields are forecast for all cotton in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

By November 23, seventy-nine percent of the Nation's cotton acreage was harvested, 4 percentage points behind last year and 1 percentage point behind the 5-year average. Cotton harvest progress was ahead of or equal to the 5-year average pace in 9 of the 15 estimating States.

Ginnings totaled 8,645,150 running bales prior to December 1, down from 9,631,750 running bales ginned prior to the same date last year.

Sugarcane: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 35.8 million tons, up slightly from last month and up 4 percent from last season. Producers intend to harvest 939,000 acres for sugar and seed during the 2025 crop year, unchanged from last month but up 2 percent from last season. Yields for sugar and seed are expected to average

38.1 tons per acre, unchanged from the last month but up 0.7 ton from last season. Record high production for sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast in Louisiana.

Statistical Methodology

Cotton estimating procedures: Reports from cotton ginners in each State were used to set estimates for cotton this month. Each cotton Regional Field Office submits its analysis of the current situation to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB). The ASB uses the survey data and the State analyses to prepare the published December 1 forecast.

Revision policy: The December 1 production forecasts will not be revised. For cotton, a new estimate will be made in January followed by end-of-season revisions in May. Administrative records are reviewed and revisions are made, if data relationships warrant changes. Harvested acres may be revised any time a production forecast is made if there is strong evidence that the intended harvested area has changed since the last estimate.

Reliability: To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the December 1 production forecasts, the "Root Mean Square Error," a statistical measure based on past performance, is computed. The deviation between the December 1 production forecast and the final estimate is expressed as a percentage of the final estimate. The average of squared percentage deviations for the latest 20-year period is computed. The square root of the average becomes statistically the "Root Mean Square Error." Probability statements can be made concerning expected differences in the current forecast relative to the final end-of-season estimate, assuming that factors affecting this year's forecast are not different from those influencing recent years. For example, the "Root Mean Square Error" for the December 1 Upland cotton production forecast is 3.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current cotton production forecast will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 3.5 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 6.1 percent.

Also, shown in the following table is a 20-year record for selected crops of the differences between the December 1 forecast and the final estimate. Using Upland cotton again as an example, changes between the December 1 forecast and the final estimate during the last 20 years have averaged 400,000 bales, ranging from 66,000 bales to 1,334,000 bales. The December 1 forecast for Upland cotton has been below the final estimate 7 times and above 13 times. This does not imply that the December 1 Upland cotton forecast this year is likely to understate or overstate final production.

Reliability of December 1 Crop Production Forecasts

[Based on data for the past twenty years]

Crop	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence interval	Difference between forecast and final estimate				
			Production			Years	
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Below final	Above final
	(percent)	(percent)	(millions)	(millions)	(millions)	(number)	(number)
Sugarcane ..... tons	3.5	6.1	1	(Z)	2	8	12
Upland cotton [1] ..... bales	3.5	6.1	400	66	1,334	7	13

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.
[1] Quantity is in thousands of units.

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