



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**Southern Region News Release**  
**Annual Crop Production**



Cooperating with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Georgia Department of Agriculture, and South Carolina Department of Agriculture  
Southern Regional Field Office · 355 East Hancock Avenue, Suite 100 · Athens, GA 30601 · (800) 253-4419  
[www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)

The estimates in this report are based primarily on the **December 2023 Agricultural Survey** which was conducted during the first two weeks of December. The estimates provided reflect planted and harvested acreage, and yield and production for the 2023 growing season. We thank all the farm operators who responded throughout the year to quarterly Agricultural Surveys, monthly Agricultural Yield Surveys and those who permitted Cotton Objective Yield measurements to be taken in their fields.

January 12, 2024

Media Contact: Anthony Prillaman

**Key findings for the Southern Region from the *Crop Production 2023 Summary***

**Alabama:** Corn for grain production in 2023 totaled 52.5 million bushels, up 53 percent from 2022. Cotton production, at 715,000 bales, was down 14 percent from the previous year. Peanut production totaled 481 million pounds, down 13 percent from 2022. The 2023 peanut yield of 2,810 pounds per acre represents the lowest yield on record since 2010. Soybean production, at 14.8 million bushels, was up 2 percent from 2022.

**Florida:** Corn for grain production in 2023 totaled 9.80 million bushels, up 7 percent from 2022. Cotton production, at 115,000 bales, was down 30 percent from the previous year. Peanut production totaled 505 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2022. The 2023 peanut yield of 3,320 pounds per acre represents the lowest yield on record since 2009. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production, at 17.9 million tons, was up slightly from 2022.

**Georgia:** Corn for grain production in 2023 totaled 76.6 million bushels, up 17 percent from 2022. Cotton production, at 2.25 million bales, was down 15 percent from 2022. Peanut production, at 3.13 billion pounds, was up 9 percent from 2022. Soybean production, at 6.67 million bushels, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Tobacco production in 2023 totaled 13.5 million pounds, up 16 percent from 2022.

**South Carolina:** Corn for grain production in 2023 totaled 52.5 million bushels, up 43 percent from 2022. The 2023 corn yield of 150 bushels per acre represents a record high for South Carolina. Cotton production, at 395,000 bales, was down 22 percent from the previous year. Peanut production, at 300 million pounds, was up 6 percent from 2022. Soybean production, at 15.0 million bushels, was up 3 percent from 2022. The 2023 soybean yield of 39.0 bushels per acre represents a record high for South Carolina. Tobacco production in 2023 totaled 11.5 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2022.

**Hay Stocks on Farms – States and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2022 and 2023**

State	May 1		December 1	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Alabama .....	240	160	1,300	1,100
Florida .....	75	30	450	470
Georgia .....	190	120	950	930
South Carolina.....	80	70	380	460
United States.....	16,777	14,333	71,761	76,721

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), January 2024

## Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2022 and 2023

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>Corn</b> <sup>1</sup> .....(bushels)								
Alabama.....	300	330	290	320	118.0	164.0	34,220	52,480
Florida.....	85	90	56	62	164.0	158.0	9,184	9,796
Georgia.....	415	485	375	440	175.0	174.0	65,625	76,560
South Carolina.....	320	365	300	350	122.0	150.0	36,600	52,500
United States.....	88,162	94,641	78,705	86,513	173.4	177.3	13,650,531	15,341,595
<b>Cotton, all</b> <sup>2</sup> ..... (bales)								
Alabama.....	435.0	380.0	430.0	376.0	930	913	833.0	715.0
Florida.....	106.0	89.0	103.0	87.0	769	634	165.0	115.0
Georgia.....	1,290.0	1,110.0	1,270.0	1,100.0	1,002	982	2,650.0	2,250.0
South Carolina.....	270.0	210.0	266.0	208.0	911	912	505.0	395.0
United States.....	13,749.0	10,230.0	7,289.6	7,064.6	953	845	14,468.0	12,434.0
<b>Hay, all other</b> ..... (tons)								
Alabama.....	(X)	(X)	680	680	2.70	2.60	1,836	1,768
Florida.....	(X)	(X)	310	320	2.60	3.10	806	992
Georgia.....	(X)	(X)	530	510	2.80	3.10	1,484	1,581
South Carolina.....	(X)	(X)	270	260	2.20	2.70	594	702
United States.....	(X)	(X)	33,558	37,187	1.87	1.85	62,900	68,853
<b>Peanuts</b> ..... (pounds)								
Alabama.....	165.0	175.0	163.0	171.0	3,400	2,810	554,200	480,510
Florida.....	152.0	160.0	144.0	152.0	3,990	3,320	574,560	504,640
Georgia.....	685.0	775.0	680.0	770.0	4,210	4,070	2,862,800	3,133,900
South Carolina.....	71.0	77.0	68.0	74.0	4,150	4,050	282,200	299,700
United States.....	1,448.5	1,645.0	1,381.4	1,574.0	4,012	3,742	5,541,772	5,890,020
<b>Soybeans</b> .....(bushels)								
Alabama.....	360	350	355	345	41.0	43.0	14,555	14,835
Georgia.....	165	160	158	155	41.0	43.0	6,478	6,665
South Carolina.....	405	395	395	385	37.0	39.0	14,615	15,015
United States.....	87,450	83,600	86,174	82,356	49.6	50.6	4,270,381	4,164,677
<b>Sugarcane</b> <sup>3</sup> ..... (tons)								
Florida.....	(X)	(X)	401.9	404.1	44.6	44.4	17,931	17,933
United States.....	(X)	(X)	930.2	931.5	37.3	35.4	34,671	32,956
<b>Tobacco</b> ..... (pounds)								
Georgia.....	(X)	(X)	6.0	6.3	1,950	2,150	11,700	13,545
South Carolina.....	(X)	(X)	5.8	5.9	2,000	1,950	11,600	11,505
United States.....	(X)	(X)	198.3	187.6	2,208	2,305	437,775	432,452

(X) Not applicable.

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

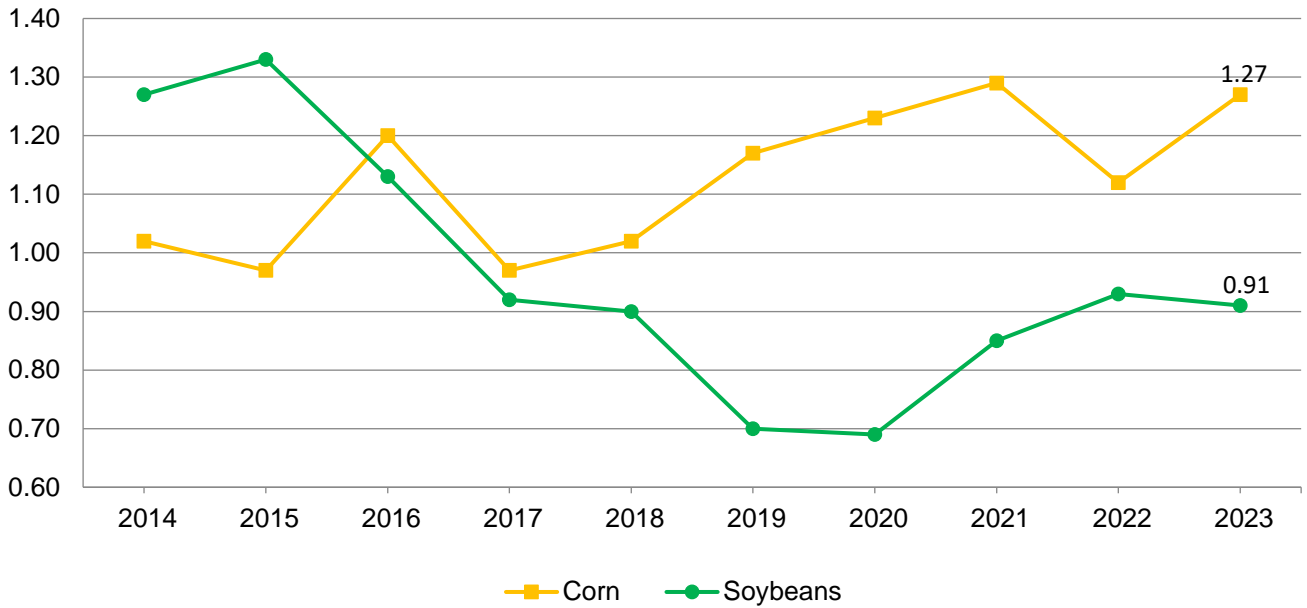
<sup>2</sup> Yield is pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

<sup>3</sup> For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production 2023 Summary](#), January 2024

### Southern Region Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage: 2014-2023

Million acres



### Southern Region Cotton and Peanut Planted Acreage: 2014-2023

Million acres

