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**Prospective Plantings**



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This report contains the results from the **March Agricultural Survey** which was conducted during the first two weeks of March 2022. The estimates provided in this report are intended to reflect grower planting intentions as of the survey period. New acreage estimates will be made based on surveys conducted in June when crop acreages have been established or planting intentions are firm. Thanks to all the farm operators who responded to this survey and made these estimates possible.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated corn planted area for all purposes in 2022 at 89.5 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Soybean planted area for 2022 is estimated at 91.0 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. All wheat planted area, at 47.4 million acres, is up 1 percent from 2021 and represents the fifth lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. All cotton planted area for 2022 is estimated at 12.2 million acres, up 9 percent from last year.

### Key findings for the Southern Region:

**Alabama:** Corn planted area for 2022 is estimated at 300,000 acres, down 15 percent from 2021. Cotton planted intentions are up 4 percent from last year at 420,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 175,000 acres, down 5 percent from 2021. Producers intend to plant 350,000 acres of soybeans, up 13 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted is estimated at 180,000 acres, up 3 percent from last year.

**Florida:** Corn planted area for 2022 is estimated at 80,000 acres, down 16 percent from 2021. Cotton planted intentions are up 21 percent from last year at 110,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 160,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2021.

**Georgia:** Corn planted area for 2022 is estimated at 430,000 acres, down 10 percent from 2021. Cotton planted intentions are up 3 percent from last year at 1.20 million acres. Peanuts are estimated at 730,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2021. Producers intend to plant 170,000 acres of soybeans, up 21 percent from last year. Tobacco acreage at 8,000 acres is unchanged from last year. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 210,000 acres, down 5 percent from last year.

**South Carolina:** Corn planted area for 2022 is estimated at 320,000 acres, down 20 percent from 2021. Cotton planted intentions are up 24 percent from last year at 260,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 85,000 acres, up 23 percent from 2021. Producers intend to plant 390,000 acres of soybeans, down 1 percent from last year. Tobacco acreage at 6,500 acres is down 14 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 120,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year.

## Row Crop and Other Crops – States and United States: 2020-2022

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2020	2021	2022 <sup>1</sup>	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
<b>Corn <sup>2</sup></b>				
Alabama.....	330	355	300	85
Florida.....	100	95	80	84
Georgia.....	420	480	430	90
South Carolina.....	390	400	320	80
United States.....	90,652	93,357	89,490	96
<b>Cotton, all</b>				
Alabama.....	450.0	405.0	420.0	104
Florida.....	98.0	91.0	110.0	121
Georgia.....	1,190.0	1,170.0	1,200.0	103
South Carolina.....	190.0	210.0	260.0	124
United States.....	12,092.0	11,219.5	12,234.0	109
<b>Hay <sup>3</sup></b>				
Alabama.....	750	700	700	100
Florida.....	280	300	290	97
Georgia.....	570	540	530	98
South Carolina.....	310	270	290	107
United States.....	52,238	50,736	50,332	99
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Alabama.....	185.0	185.0	175.0	95
Florida.....	175.0	170.0	160.0	94
Georgia.....	810.0	755.0	730.0	97
South Carolina.....	84.0	69.0	85.0	123
United States.....	1,662.5	1,585.2	1,571.0	99
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Alabama.....	280	310	350	113
Georgia.....	100	140	170	121
South Carolina.....	310	395	390	99
United States.....	83,354	87,195	90,955	104
<b>Tobacco <sup>3</sup></b>				
Georgia.....	7.9	8.0	8.0	100
South Carolina.....	5.5	7.6	6.5	86
United States.....	191.1	218.9	226.3	103

<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2022 as indicated by reports from farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Planted for all purposes.

<sup>3</sup> Intended area harvested in 2022 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Prospective Plantings](#), March 2022

## Small Grain Area Planted – States and United States: 2020-2022

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2020	2021	2022 <sup>1</sup>	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
<b>Oats <sup>2</sup></b>				
Georgia.....	80	80	70	88
United States.....	3,009	2,550	2,547	100
<b>Wheat, winter <sup>2</sup></b>				
Alabama.....	135	175	180	103
Georgia.....	190	220	210	95
South Carolina.....	110	125	120	96
United States.....	30,450	33,648	34,236	102

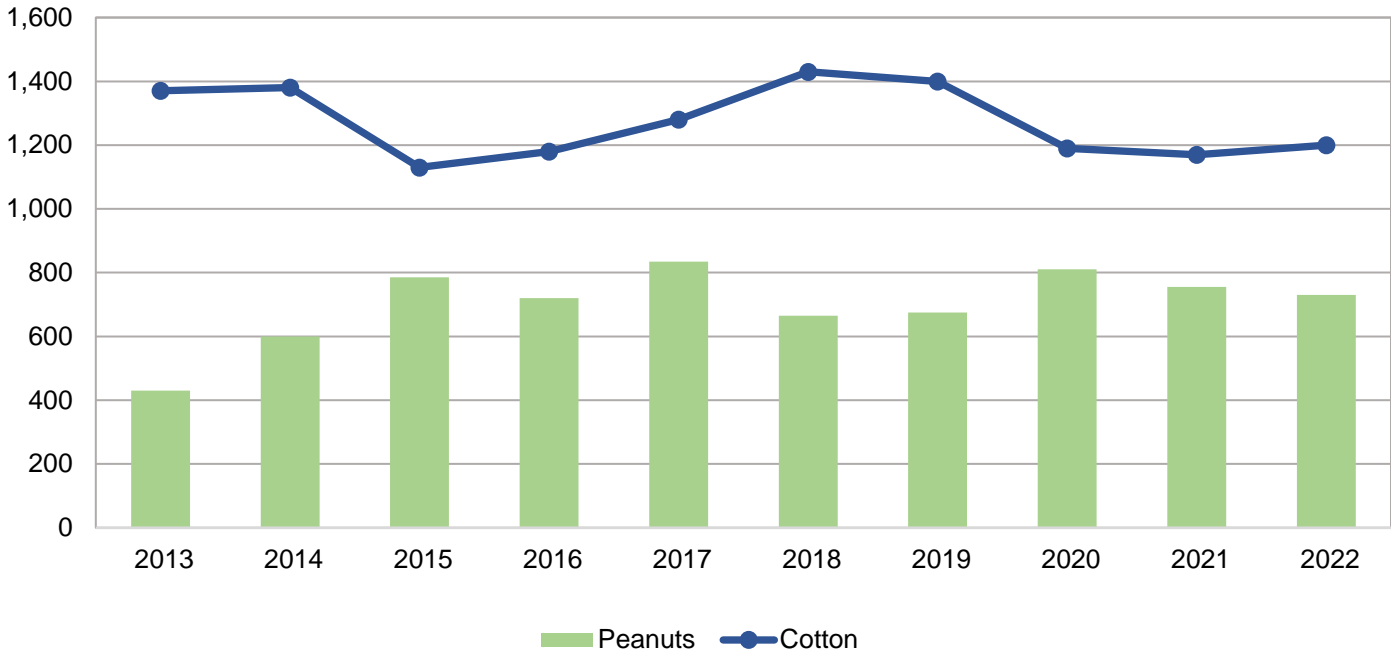
<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2022 as indicated by reports from farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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## Georgia Peanuts and Cotton Planted Area: 2013-2022

Thousand acres



## Winter Wheat Acres Planted – States: 2013-2022

Thousand acres

