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This report contains the results from the **March Agricultural Survey** which was conducted during the first two weeks of March 2024. 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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United States: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated corn planted area for all purposes in 2024 at 90.0 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. Soybean planted area for 2024 is estimated at 86.5 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. All wheat planted area for 2024, at 47.5 million acres is down 4 percent from 2023. All cotton planted area for 2024 is estimated at 10.7 million acres, up 4 percent from last year.

Key findings for the Southern Region:

Alabama: Corn planted area for 2024 is estimated at 310,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2023. Cotton planted intentions are up 13 percent from last year at 430,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 180,000 acres, up 3 percent from 2023. Producers intend to plant 320,000 acres of soybeans, down 9 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 135,000 acres, down 34 percent from last year.

Florida: Corn planted area for 2024 is estimated at 80,000 acres, down 11 percent from 2023. Cotton planted intentions are up 1 percent from last year at 90,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 170,000 acres, up 6 percent from 2023.

Georgia: Corn planted area for 2024 is estimated at 410,000 acres, down 15 percent from 2023. Cotton planted intentions are down 1 percent from last year at 1.10 million acres. Peanuts are estimated at 820,000 acres, up 6 percent from 2023. Producers intend to plant 160,000 acres of soybeans, unchanged from last year. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 170,000 acres, down 13 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Corn planted area for 2024 is estimated at 300,000 acres, down 18 percent from 2023. Cotton planted intentions are up 14 percent from last year at 240,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 85,000 acres, up 10 percent from 2023. Producers intend to plant 350,000 acres of soybeans, down 11 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 90,000 acres, down 18 percent from last year.

Row Crop and Other Crops – States and United States: 2022-2024

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2022	2023	2024 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn ²				
Alabama.....	300	330	310	94
Florida.....	85	90	80	89
Georgia.....	415	485	410	85
South Carolina.....	320	365	300	82
United States.....	88,162	94,641	90,036	95
Cotton, all				
Alabama.....	435.0	380.0	430.0	113
Florida.....	106.0	89.0	90.0	101
Georgia.....	1,290.0	1,110.0	1,100.0	99
South Carolina.....	270.0	210.0	240.0	114
United States.....	13,749.0	10,230.0	10,673.0	104
Hay ³				
Alabama.....	680	680	690	101
Florida.....	310	320	330	103
Georgia.....	530	510	500	98
South Carolina.....	270	260	260	100
United States.....	48,711	52,821	51,562	98
Peanuts				
Alabama.....	165.0	175.0	180.0	103
Florida.....	152.0	160.0	170.0	106
Georgia.....	685.0	775.0	820.0	106
South Carolina.....	71.0	77.0	85.0	110
United States.....	1,448.5	1,645.0	1,651.0	100
Soybeans				
Alabama.....	360	350	320	91
Georgia.....	165	160	160	100
South Carolina.....	405	395	350	89
United States.....	87,450	83,600	86,510	103

¹ Intended plantings in 2024 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Planted for all purposes.

³ Intended area harvested in 2024 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Prospective Plantings](#), March 2024

Small Grain Area Planted – States and United States: 2022-2024

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2022	2023	2024 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Oats ²				
Georgia.....	75	55	55	100
United States.....	2,582	2,555	2,318	91
Wheat, winter ²				
Alabama.....	180	205	135	66
Georgia.....	200	195	170	87
South Carolina.....	120	110	90	82
United States.....	33,281	36,699	34,135	93

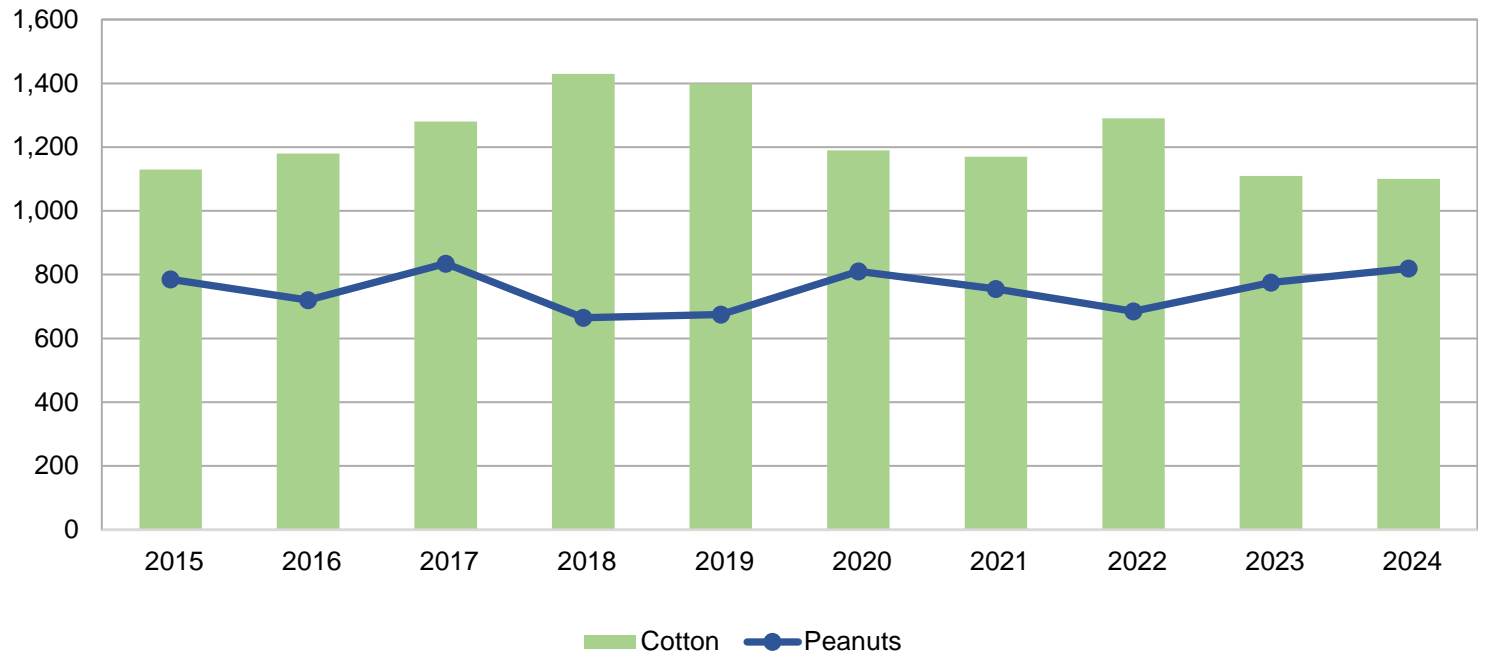
¹ Intended plantings in 2024 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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Georgia Cotton and Peanuts Planted Area: 2015-2024

Thousand acres



Winter Wheat Acres Planted – States: 2015-2024

Thousand acres

