



December Crop Production

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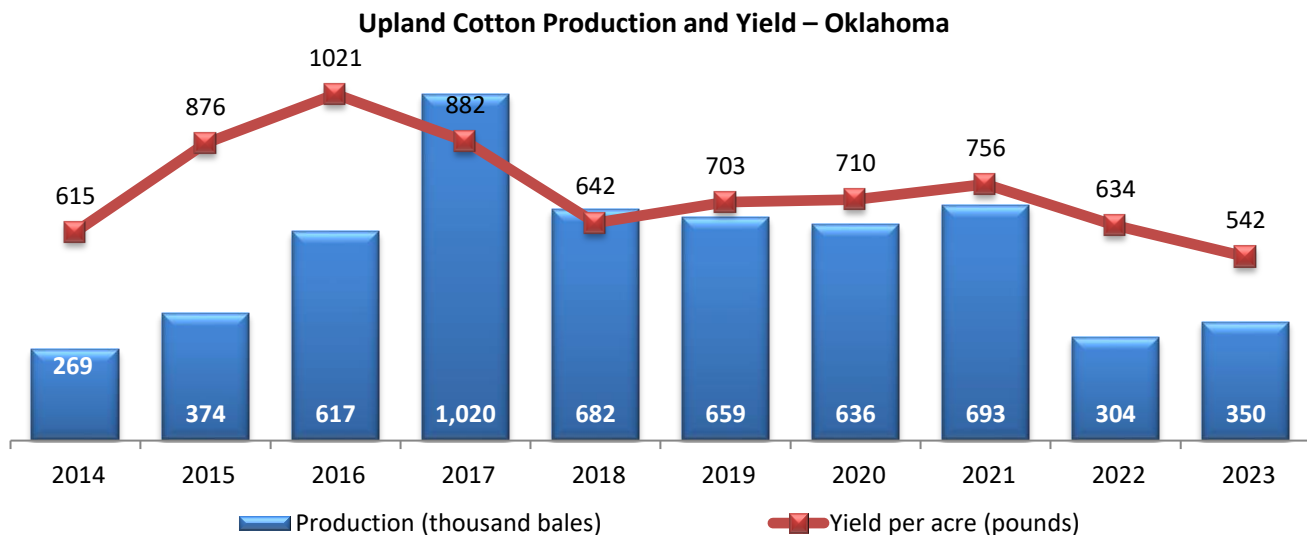
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This report contains the results from the December 2023 Objective Yield Survey and Cotton Ginners report. For Texas cotton, actual counts of plants and boll weights are collected from small plots set up in producer fields used in conjunction with the results of the Ginner's survey to forecast yield and production of Texas cotton.

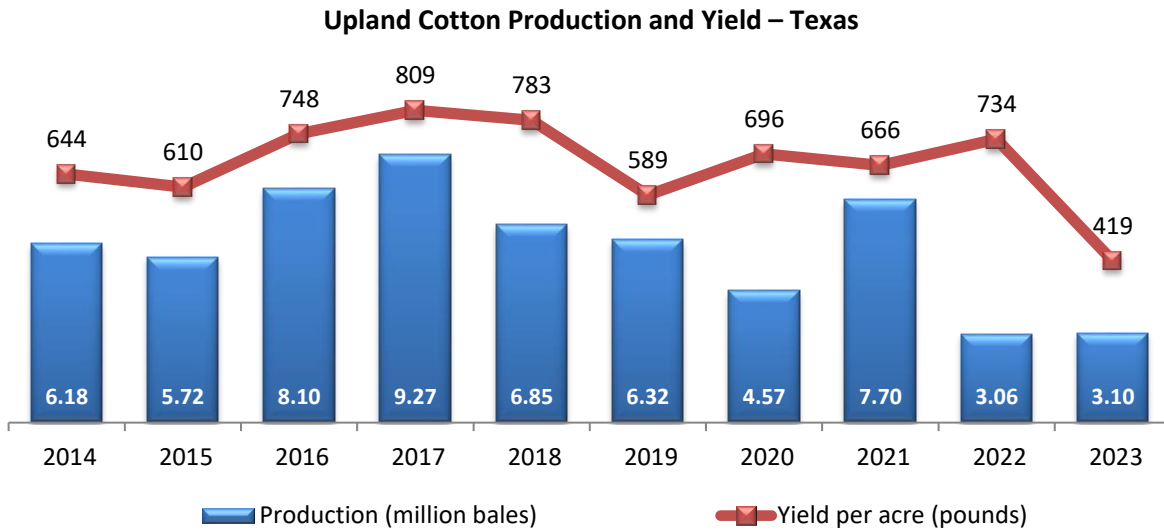
Data provided by Oklahoma and Texas operators are the foundation of the estimates for the Southern Plains region. The Southern Plains Regional Field Office would like to thank all gins that responded to the survey and those farmers who permitted cotton objective yield measurements to be taken from their fields.

UPLAND COTTON

Oklahoma Upland cotton production is forecast at 350 thousand bales, 15 percent higher than 2022. Yield averaged 542 pounds per acre, compared with 634 pounds last year. Acreage harvested, at 310 thousand acres, is up 35 percent from last year.



Texas Upland cotton production is forecast at 3.10 million bales, 1 percent higher than 2022. Yield averaged 419 pounds per acre, compared with 734 pounds last year. Acreage harvested, at 3.55 million acres, is up 78 percent from last year.



**Upland Cotton Acreage, Yield, and Production
Oklahoma, Texas, and United States, 2022 and December 1, 2023 Forecast**

| Upland Cotton | Planted | | Harvested | | Yield per Acre | | Production ¹ | |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 |
| | <i>1,000 acres</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> | <i>pounds</i> | <i>pounds</i> | <i>1,000 bales ²</i> | <i>1,000 bales ²</i> |
| Oklahoma | 670 | 420 | 230 | 310 | 634 | 542 | 304 | 350 |
| Texas | 7,850 | 5,550 | 2,000 | 3,550 | 734 | 419 | 3,060 | 3,100 |
| United States | 13,579 | 10,086 | 7,132 | 7,880 | 942 | 758 | 13,998 | 12,445 |

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned.

² 480 pound net weight bale.

The **United States Upland cotton** production is forecast at 12.4 million 480-pound bales, down 11 percent from last year's 14.0 million bales. Yield is expected to average 758 pounds per acre, down 184 pounds from 2022. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 7.88 million acres, 10 percent higher than last year.

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