

Prospective 2026 U.S. Cotton Area

	USDA				NCC	Percent Change
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
	(Thousand Acres)					
SOUTHEAST	2,662	2,250	2,311	1,714	1,630	-4.9%
Alabama	435	380	400	290	290	0.1%
Florida	106	89	85	61	54	-11.1%
Georgia	1,290	1,110	1,100	835	805	-3.6%
N. Carolina	470	380	410	285	268	-6.0%
S. Carolina	270	210	225	170	152	-10.5%
Virginia	91	81	91	73	60	-17.9%
MID-SOUTH	2,060	1,630	1,990	1,500	1,191	-20.6%
Arkansas	640	510	650	520	362	-30.3%
Louisiana	195	120	155	90	105	17.1%
Mississippi	530	400	520	330	278	-15.8%
Missouri	360	335	400	355	266	-25.0%
Tennessee	335	265	265	205	179	-12.5%
SOUTHWEST	8,673	6,082	6,516	5,792	5,882	1.6%
Kansas	163	112	131	102	112	9.6%
Oklahoma	660	420	435	390	451	15.7%
Texas	7,850	5,550	5,950	5,300	5,320	0.4%
WEST	172	121	159	135	125	-7.2%
Arizona	87	76	96	87	83	-4.2%
California	19	13	21	18	17	-4.4%
New Mexico	66	32	42	30	25	-17.6%
TOTAL UPLAND	13,567	10,083	10,976	9,141	8,829	-3.4%
TOTAL ELS	182	147	207	142	161	14.0%
Arizona	15	16	14	16	16	3.2%
California	115	85	145	92	99	8.0%
New Mexico	19	17	15	13	10	-20.6%
Texas	33	29	33	21	36	69.8%
ALL COTTON	13,749	10,230	11,183	9,283	8,990	-3.2%



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Cotton Balance Sheet

U.S. Cotton Balance Sheet

	USDA				NCC
	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27
Planted Area (Thou Acres)	13,749	10,230	11,183	9,283	8,990
Harvested Area (Thou Acres)	7,290	6,439	7,805	7,805	7,080
Yield/Harvested Area (Pounds/Acre)	953	900	886	856	864
Production (Thou Bales)	14,468	12,066	14,413	13,918	12,739
Imports (Thou Bales)	2	2	3	5	2
Mill Use	2,050	1,850	1,700	1,600	1,550
Exports	12,450	11,750	11,900	11,700	12,452
Loss	-80	-32	-34	-77	-35
Ending Stocks	4,650	3,150	4,000	4,700	3,474
Stocks/Use	32%	23%	29%	35%	25%

World Cotton Balance Sheet

	USDA				NCC
	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27
Harvested Area (Thou Acres)	77,916	76,349	74,229	72,850	71,057
Yield/Harvested Area (Pounds/Acre)	714	706	767	790	771
Production (Thou Bales)	115,919	112,234	118,544	119,858	114,123
Imports (Thou Bales)	37,738	44,047	43,034	43,707	44,600
Mill Use	112,701	114,985	118,936	118,715	119,955
Exports	36,553	44,062	42,411	43,412	44,600
Loss	-265	-207	-224	-217	-183
Ending Stocks	75,859	73,300	73,755	75,410	69,761
Stocks/Use	67%	64%	62%	64%	58%



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