

NASS Survey Training

Cotton Ginnings Report (COTTON GINNINGS)



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Cotton Ginnings Survey

- Project Code: **131 - Cotton Ginning Survey**
- Conducted every two weeks (1st and 15th) August through March
- Questionnaires:
 - Mailed out around the 25th and 10th of each month
 - Online reporting option available
- Release:
 - Thirteen semi-monthly *Cotton Ginnings* reports published around the 12th and 25th of each month
 - End-of-season release around March 12th
 - Also an *Annual Cotton Ginnings Summary* released in May



Purpose

- Cotton ginnings statistics provide information to U.S. and international cotton industries with the only data available concerning ginnings for the U.S., by state, by district, and by county.
- These data provide all segments of the cotton industry (buyers, brokers, shippers, textile firms, and researchers) with quantities of baled cotton that are available by specific geographic areas within the U.S. on a regular and recurring basis. Cotton markets operate on a stable basis since the uncertainty of supply by geographic areas is minimized.



General Survey Information, cont.

- Contacts are primarily businesses
 - All active gins in 17 cotton producing states
- Collecting information on two types of cotton
 - Upland
 - American Pima
- And **ONLY** for cotton ginned from the 2021 crop



Cotton

- 2020 acres harvested: (down 25% from 2019)
 - Upland: 8,507,000
 - Pima: 194,500
- 2020 production: (also down 25% from 2019)
 - 14,193,000 bales ginned
 - (“Bales” = standard bales weighing 480 lbs)



Screening

- Has this operation ginned any of the 2021 cotton crop?
 - If YES: How many bales were ginned on this operation prior to Aug 1?
 - If NO: Will this operation gin any of the 2021 cotton crop in the current season?
 - If YES: How many bales do you expect to gin for the 2021 cotton crop?
 - If NO: Routed to the end of the survey.



Survey Questions

Same questions for each type (Upland and Pima) of cotton:

- For 2021 crop:
 - Total bales *ginned prior* to <date>
 - How many more bales *expected TO gin* from <date> to the end of the season
- Exact same questions each survey
 - Only the month/date change

Cottonseed prices (1st of each month, for previous month)

- Average price (\$ per ton) paid or will be paid to producers for cottonseed sold during the previous month
 - If gin *deducts* from ginning charges instead of paying producer directly, the deduction amount is recorded as \$\$ per ton
- Only asked in select months



Additional Information

- Normally a very high response rate
- Businesses instead of farmers
 - Many respondents fax report in
 - Contact likely to be office clerical personnel, usually expecting the survey
- Ginning season start/volume depends on growing season & harvest progress
 - Not uncommon for gins to be inactive until around September or October
 - Cotton harvest most active between October through December
- Respondents may be reluctant to report “*expected* bales to be ginned” – encourage them to give an estimate



Conclusion

- Please leave plenty of notes to explain any odd situations.
 - The more you can tell us, the more useful the data will be.
- Please call your Supervisor or Regional Field Office with any questions or concerns.
- Thank you, and have a great surveyy!!

