



# ALABAMA FARM FACTS

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## November 1 Crop Production

The last two weeks of October brought cool, wet weather that slowed fieldwork and kept most farmers out of their fields. The first of November arrived with sunny days in tow, with farmers hurriedly trying to complete harvest. Cotton and soybean harvest is progressing ahead of last year and the five-year average, while peanut harvest is lagging well behind normal. Soil moisture levels have improved, with 65 percent of land experiencing either adequate or surplus conditions. The majority of Alabama producers have finished harvesting their 2006 **corn** crop. The corn harvested for grain yield is estimated at 60 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but 59 bushels below last year. Production is estimated at 11,400,000 bushels from 190,000 harvested acres. Just over 75 percent of Alabama's **cotton** crop has been harvested. Estimated cotton yields have shown continued improvement over the summer, as drought conditions improved. The current estimate, at 538 pounds of lint per acre, is up 67 pounds from October's estimate, but 209 pounds below last year. Growers are expected to produce 600,000 bales of cotton from 535,000 harvested acres. This level of production is up 75,000 bales from last month, but is a 248,000 bale decrease from last year. Eighty percent of all **soybean** fields have been harvested. Yield is estimated at 17 bushels per acre, unchanged from October's estimate, but down 16 bushels per acre from last year. Production is expected to total 2,550,000 bushels from 150,000 harvested acres. Nearly 75 percent of the state's **peanut** crop has been dug, with 63 percent combined. Yield is estimated at 2,100 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from last month, but down 650 pounds from 2005. Production is expected to total 331,800,000 pounds of peanuts from 158,000 harvested acres, down 46 percent from last year.

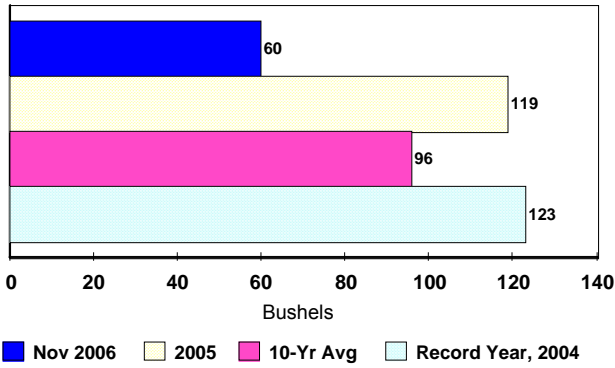
### Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, November 1

Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2005	Indicated 2006	2005	Indicated 2006	2005	Indicated 2006	2005	Indicated 2006
<b>ALABAMA</b>		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	550	575	545	535	747	538	848	600
Corn for grain	Bu.	220	210	200	190	119	60	23,800	11,400
Hay	Ton	--	--	730	710	2.70	1.40	1,971	994
Soybeans	Bu.	150	160	145	150	33	17	4,785	2,550
Peanuts	Lb.	225	160	223	158	2,750	2,100	613,250	331,800
Potatoes, Irish	Cwt.	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.5	150	170	195	255
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	14,245	15,281	13,803	12,816	831	798	23,890.2	21,299.0
Corn for grain	Bu.	81,759	78,561	75,107	71,047	147.9	151.2	11,112,072	10,744,806
Hay	Ton	--	--	61,649	62,697	2.44	2.35	150,590	147,038
Soybeans	Bu.	72,032	75,565	71,251	74,505	43	43	3,063,237	3,203,908
Peanuts	Lb.	1,657	1,242	1,629	1,213	2,989	2,780	4,869,860	3,372,150
Potatoes, Irish	Cwt.	1,109	1,137	1,087	1,119	390	389	424	435

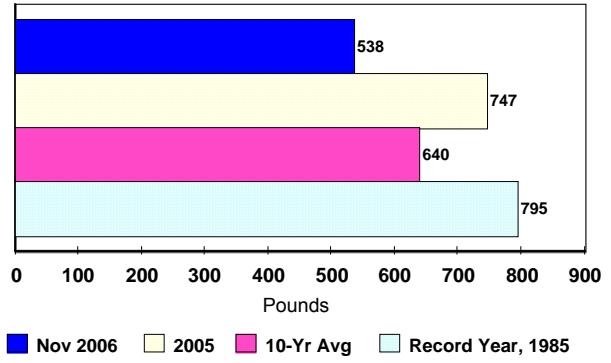
1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

## Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

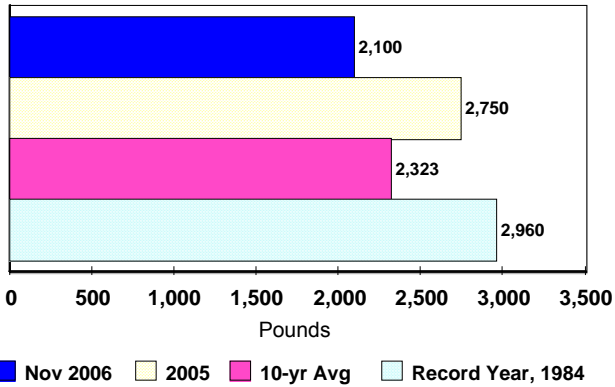
### Corn Yield



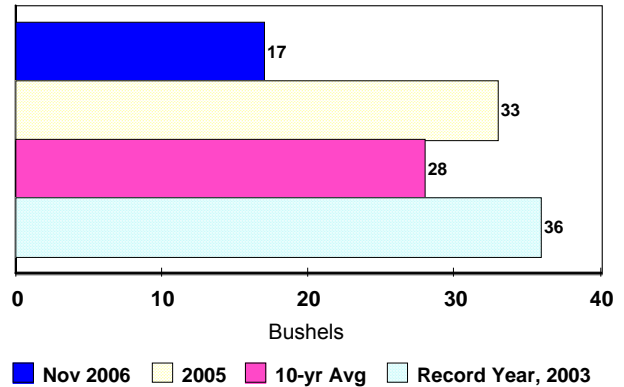
### Cotton Yield



### Peanut Yield



### Soybean Yield



### Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to November 1

Selected States	Running Bales Ginned			
	2003	2004	2005	2006
AL	301,600	355,850	321,500	442,200
AZ	147,000	185,500	137,550	108,900
AR	928,650	1,019,100	1,355,950	1,408,950
CA	365,950	694,150	347,900	240,050
FL	41,450	36,250	22,400	43,050
GA	607,350	723,150	560,100	719,800
LA	823,850	605,550	904,700	925,550
MS	1,446,600	1,420,750	1,509,350	1,720,000
MO	261,150	383,150	506,100	363,650
NM	13,050	7,600	11,200	8,000
NC	208,100	560,000	382,700	414,000
OK	50,050	65,300	52,400	37,900
SC	70,700	160,750	96,350	115,500
TN	369,500	451,200	545,600	560,750
TX	1,740,600	2,041,350	1,889,400	1,592,750
VA	17,200	48,300	47,750	40,850
U. S. All Cotton	7,392,800	8,757,950	8,690,950	8,741,900
U. S. American Pima	59,350	173,350	80,000	87,050