



MONTHLY FARM REPORT

North Carolina Field Office



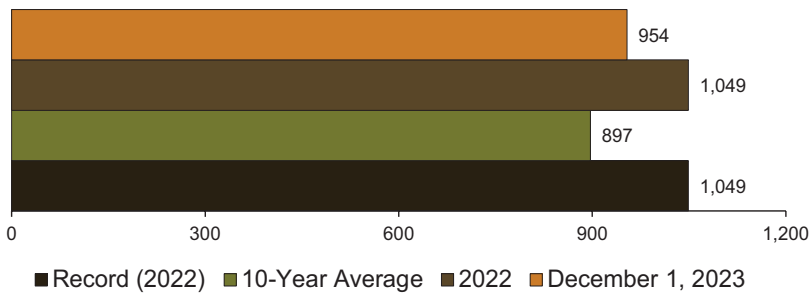
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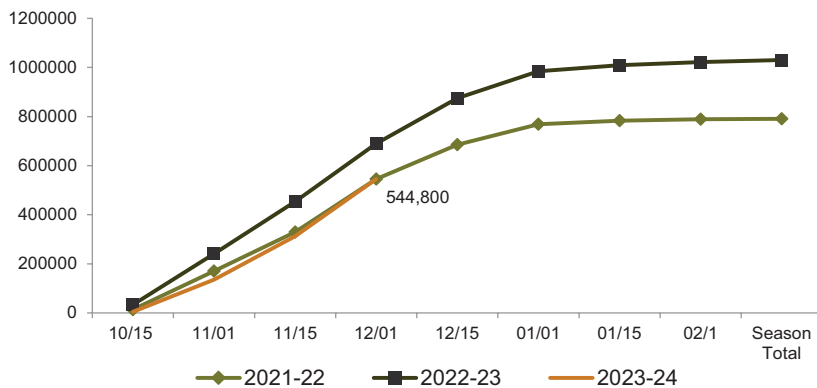


UPLAND COTTON YIELD (Pounds)



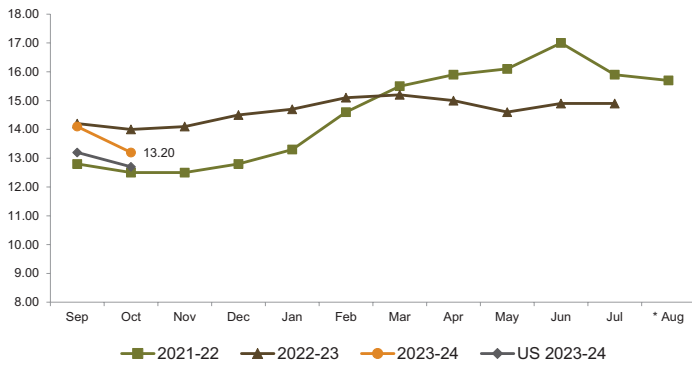
Cotton production
on December 1, 2023 is estimated
at 735,000 480-pound bales,
DOWN 27% from 2022.

COTTON GINNINGS - RUNNING BALES GINNED (Year to Date)



MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR SOYBEANS

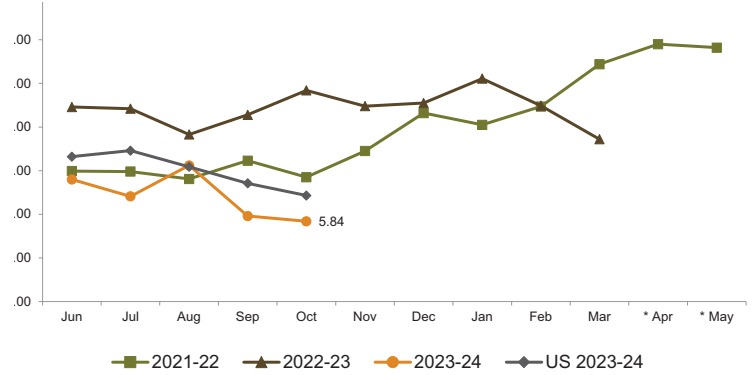
(Dollars per Bushel)



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MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR WINTER WHEAT

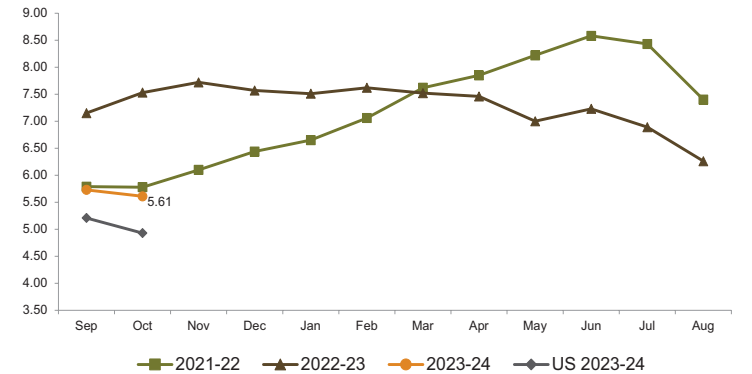
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MONTHLY PRICE RECEIVED FOR CORN

(Dollars per Bushel)



WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS - October 8-14, 2023 with Comparisons ^{1 2}

| REGION ³ | TYPE OF WORKER | | | | | | Number of Hired Workers | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------------------------|------|
| | Field | | Livestock | | All Hired ⁴ | | 2022 | 2023 |
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | | |
| | <i>Dollars per Hour</i> | | | | | | <i>Thousands</i> | |
| Appalachian I | 14.25 | 16.32 | 15.61 | 15.41 | 14.57 | 16.15 | 35 | 37 |
| Appalachian II | 14.25 | 15.05 | 13.97 | 15.70 | 14.16 | 15.27 | 31 | 30 |
| Southeast | 13.92 | 15.13 | 14.03 | 14.97 | 13.94 | 15.10 | 35 | 32 |
| United States ⁵ | 17.04 | 18.24 | 16.52 | 17.19 | 16.90 | 17.95 | 785 | 776 |

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Survey period in 2022 was October 9 - 15. ³ Appalachian I: NC, VA; Appalachian II: KY, TN, WV; Southeast: AL, GA, SC. ⁴ All Hired Workers includes supervisory and other workers. Piece rates not included. ⁵ Excludes Alaska.



EGG PRODUCTION - October

| State | Layers On Hand | | Total Eggs Produced | | Table Eggs | | Hatching Eggs | |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 |
| | <i>Thousands</i> | | <i>Million Eggs</i> | | | | | |
| Alabama | 11,327 | 11,641 | 223 | 223 | 40 | 36 | 183 | 187 |
| Georgia | 20,249 | 20,017 | 443 | 444 | 244 | 244 | 199 | 200 |
| North Carolina | 15,343 | 16,007 | 339 | 359 | 173 | 191 | 166 | 168 |
| South Carolina | 3,572 | 3,595 | 83 | 83 | 60 | 60 | 23 | 24 |
| Other States ¹ | 31,436 | 32,065 | 759 | 776 | 681 | 698 | 79 | 78 |
| United States | 377,572 | 389,378 | 9,225 | 9,549 | 7,918 | 8,227 | 1,307 | 1,322 |

¹ Includes data for States not published in this table.

CHICKS HATCHED - October

| State | Broiler-Type | | |
|--|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | Percent Change |
| | <i>Thousands</i> | | <i>+/-</i> |
| Alabama | 120,809 | 117,282 | -3 |
| Arkansas | 88,353 | 81,872 | -7 |
| Delaware | 17,172 | 19,140 | +11 |
| Florida | 4,068 | 3,146 | -23 |
| Georgia | 121,299 | 121,998 | +1 |
| Kentucky | 22,492 | 21,994 | -2 |
| Louisiana | 11,667 | 11,946 | +2 |
| Maryland | 28,614 | 28,606 | 0 |
| Mississippi | 60,306 | 58,675 | -3 |
| Missouri | 34,599 | 31,007 | -10 |
| North Carolina | 88,473 | 82,281 | -7 |
| Oklahoma | 26,085 | 22,300 | -15 |
| Pennsylvania | 24,907 | 25,327 | +2 |
| South Carolina | 19,915 | 20,826 | +5 |
| Texas | 65,895 | 63,257 | -4 |
| Virginia | 23,515 | 19,775 | -16 |
| California, Tennessee, & West Virginia | 46,258 | 44,293 | -4 |
| Other States ¹ | 42,983 | 42,243 | -2 |
| United States | 847,410 | 815,968 | -4 |

¹ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.





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2024**

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NEW YEAR!**

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