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This report contains the results from the **March Agricultural Survey** which was conducted during the first two weeks of March 2023. The estimates provided in this report are intended to reflect grower planting intentions as of the survey period. New acreage estimates will be made based on surveys conducted in June when crop acreages have been established or planting intentions are firm. Thanks to all the farm operators who responded to this survey and made these estimates possible.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated corn planted area for all purposes in 2023 at 92.0 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. Soybean planted area is estimated at 87.5 million acres, up slightly from last year. All wheat planted area, at 49.9 million acres is up 9 percent from 2022. All cotton planted area for 2023 is estimated at 11.3 million acres, down 18 percent from last year.

Key findings for the Southern Region:

Alabama: Corn planted area for 2023 is estimated at 350,000 acres, up 17 percent from 2022. Cotton planted intentions are down 8 percent from last year at 400,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 170,000 acres, up 3 percent from 2022. Producers intend to plant 380,000 acres of soybeans, up 6 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 210,000 acres, up 17 percent from last year.

Florida: Corn planted area for 2023 is estimated at 80,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2022. Cotton planted intentions are down 15 percent from last year at 90,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 165,000 acres, up 10 percent from 2022.

Georgia: Corn planted area for 2023 is estimated at 490,000 acres, up 15 percent from 2022. Cotton planted intentions are down 7 percent from last year at 1.20 million acres. Peanuts are estimated at 740,000 acres, up 8 percent from 2022. Producers intend to plant 170,000 acres of soybeans, up 3 percent from last year. Tobacco acreage, at 7,000 acres, is up 17 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 170,000 acres, down 15 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Corn planted area for 2023 is estimated at 370,000 acres, up 16 percent from 2022. Cotton planted intentions are down 11 percent from last year at 240,000 acres. Peanuts are estimated at 85,000 acres, up 20 percent from 2022. Producers intend to plant 430,000 acres of soybeans, up 6 percent from last year. Tobacco acreage, at 7,000 acres, is up 21 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 110,000 acres, down 8 percent from last year.

Row Crop and Other Crops – States and United States: 2021-2023

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2021	2022	2023 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn ²				
Alabama.....	350	300	350	117
Florida.....	95	85	80	94
Georgia.....	480	425	490	115
South Carolina.....	400	320	370	116
United States.....	93,252	88,579	91,996	104
Cotton, all				
Alabama.....	405.0	435.0	400.0	92
Florida.....	92.0	106.0	90.0	85
Georgia.....	1,170.0	1,290.0	1,200.0	93
South Carolina.....	210.0	270.0	240.0	89
United States.....	11,215.5	13,763.0	11,256.0	82
Hay ³				
Alabama.....	700	680	680	100
Florida.....	300	310	290	94
Georgia.....	540	550	570	104
South Carolina.....	270	270	280	104
United States.....	50,736	49,546	50,645	102
Peanuts				
Alabama.....	185.0	165.0	170.0	103
Florida.....	165.0	150.0	165.0	110
Georgia.....	755.0	685.0	740.0	108
South Carolina.....	69.0	71.0	85.0	120
United States.....	1,580.2	1,450.3	1,547.0	107
Soybeans				
Alabama.....	310	360	380	106
Georgia.....	140	165	170	103
South Carolina.....	395	405	430	106
United States.....	87,195	87,450	87,505	100
Tobacco ³				
Georgia.....	7.7	6.0	7.0	117
South Carolina.....	7.3	5.8	7.0	121
United States.....	213.9	201.8	197.1	98

¹ Intended plantings in 2023 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Planted for all purposes.

³ Intended area harvested in 2023 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Prospective Plantings](#), March 2023

Small Grain Area Planted – States and United States: 2021-2023

Crop and State	Area planted			Percent of previous year
	2021	2022	2023 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Oats ²				
Georgia.....	80	75	70	93
United States.....	2,550	2,581	2,667	103
Wheat, winter ²				
Alabama.....	175	180	210	117
Georgia.....	220	200	170	85
South Carolina.....	125	120	110	92
United States.....	33,678	33,271	37,505	113

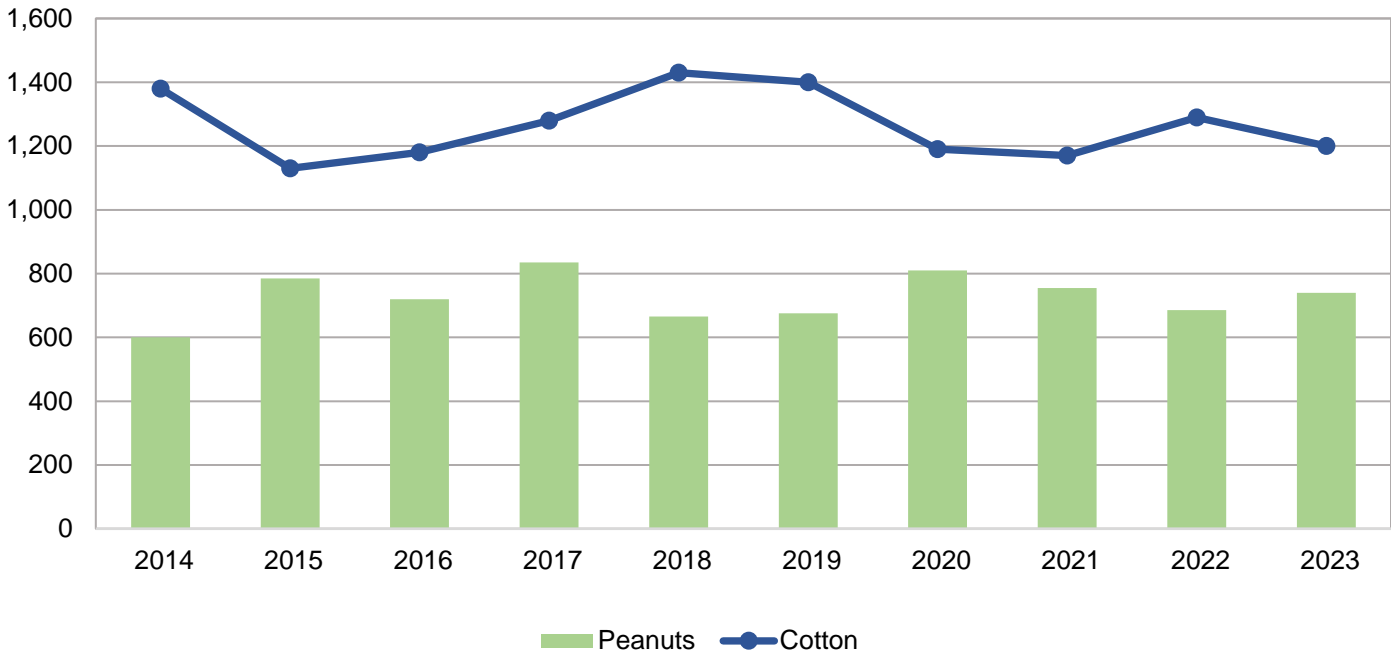
¹ Intended plantings in 2023 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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Georgia Peanuts and Cotton Planted Area: 2014-2023

Thousand acres



Winter Wheat Acres Planted – States: 2014-2023

Thousand acres

