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Key findings for the Southern Region from March Crop Production

Florida: The sugarcane growing areas of the state experienced drought conditions during the early growing season, but timely rains later more than offset any crop setbacks. However, January rains reached a record high delaying harvest activities resulting in some crops losses. Even with these conditions, growers are still expecting record high yields and production. With a yield of 41.7 tons per acre, sugarcane production, forecast at 17.7 million tons, is up 12 percent from last year.

South Carolina Update: When South Carolina producers were surveyed in December 2015 for end-of-year totals, there was significant unharvested acreage of cotton, peanuts, and soybeans due to excessively wet conditions. In February, NASS re-contacted respondents who previously reported acreage for these crops in order to revise 2015 production numbers (originally published on January 12, 2016). As a result of these re-contacts, cotton harvested acres are revised from 124,000 to 105,000 acres and yield from 581 to 686 pounds per acre. Peanut area harvested was revised from 83,000 to 82,000 acres and yield remains unchanged at 3,200 tons per acre. Soybean harvested acreage was revised from 405,000 to 370,000 acres and yield from 26.0 to 26.5 bushels per acre. These updates represent the lowest harvested to planted ratio on record for cotton at 44.7 percent. It also is the lowest ratio for peanuts (73.2 percent) since 1941 and soybeans (77.9 percent) since 1954.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2014 and 2015

State and Crop	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Cotton ¹ (bales)								
South Carolina	280.0	235.0	278.0	105.0	912	686	528.0	150.0
United States	11,037.4	8,580.5	9,346.8	8,057.9	838	771	16,319	12,943.0
Peanuts (pounds)								
South Carolina	112.0	112.0	108.0	82.0	3,800	3,200	410,400	262,400
United States	1,353.5	1,625.0	1,322.5	1,567.0	3,923	3,963	5,188,665	6,210,590
Soybeans (bushels)								
South Carolina	450	475	440	370	35.0	26.5	15,400	9,805
United States	83,276	82,650	82,591	81,814	47.5	48.0	3,927,090	3,929,160
Sugarcane ² (tons)								
Florida	(NA)	(NA)	408.0	424.0	38.6	41.7	15,738	17,664
United States	(NA)	(NA)	868.5	891.7	35.0	37.3	30,424	33,244

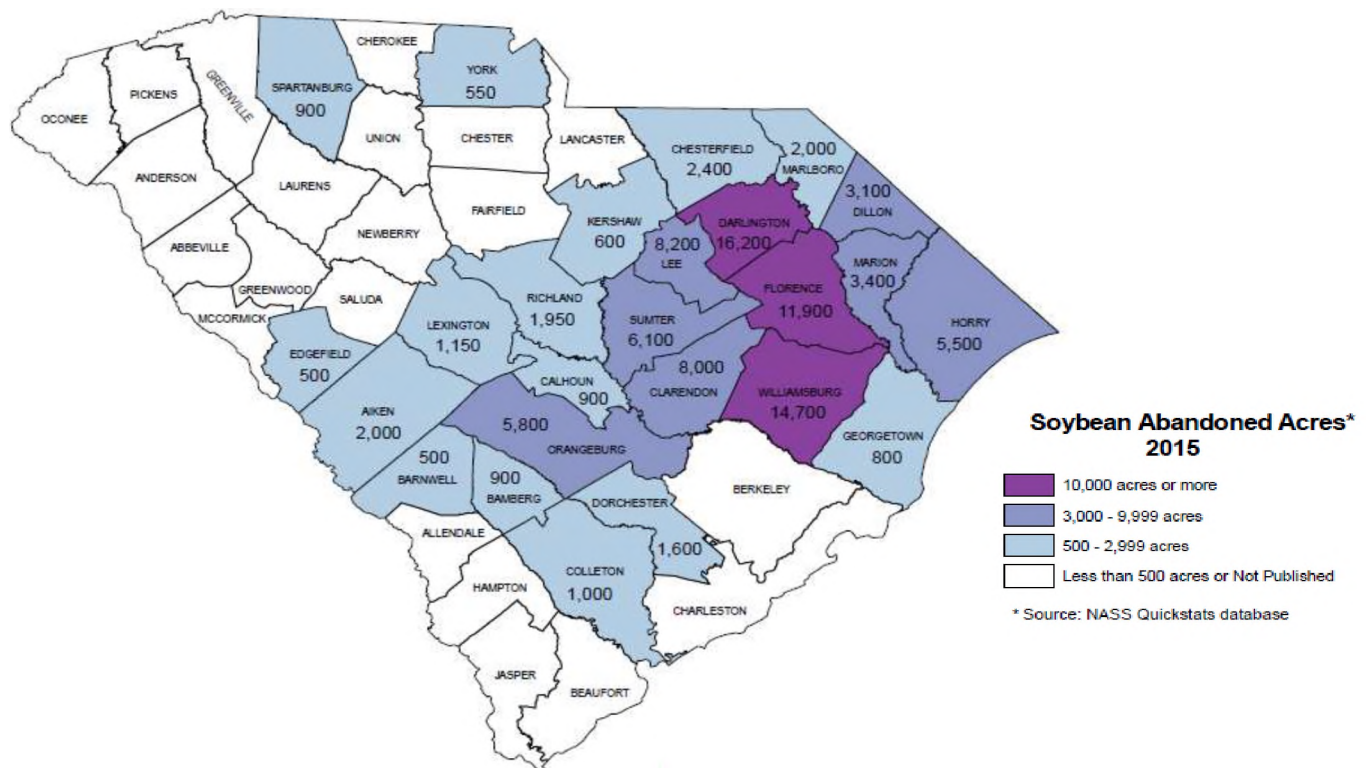
(NA) Not available.

¹ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

² For sugar and seed.

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South Carolina Soybean Abandoned Acreage by County 2015



South Carolina: Upland Cotton 2006 - 2015

