



2022 Georgia Agricultural Census: Cotton & Peanuts

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Cotton	2017	2022	% Change
Lint & Seed, Operations w/Sales	2,550	2,289	-10%
Lint & Seed - Sales	\$927,263,375	\$1,204,626,000	30%
Acres Harvested	1,270,652	1,256,908	-1%
Irrigated Acres Harvested	434,548	405,795	-7%
# of Bales Produced	2,220,541	2,585,054	16%
Cotton, Irrigated, Entire Crop, Yield (bales/acre)	2	2.3	15%
Cotton, Non-irrigated, Yield (bales/acre)	1.7	2	18%

- Cotton farm numbers in Georgia decreased 10% from 2,550 farms to 2,289 while the total number of bales produced increased 16% from 2.2 million to nearly 2.6 million bales.
- Georgia farmers became more efficient as indicated with an increased 1/3 bale per acre on irrigated and non-irrigated land.
- The production of cotton continues to be of significant economic importance to Georgia as the sales value of cotton lint and seed increased 30% from \$927 million to \$1.2 billion.

- Georgia farm numbers with harvested acres of peanuts decreased 22% from 2,838 farms to 2,217 and total production was down 17% from 1.79 million tons to 1.49 million tons.
- Although the value of production was down 24% in 2022, compared to 2017, peanuts were still economically important to Georgia with production valued at over \$716 million.
- There were 102,082 fewer harvested acres of irrigated peanuts, a 28% decrease from 2017.
- Irrigated peanut yields were down 271 pounds per acre on average in Georgia, a 6% decrease from 2017. However, non-irrigated yields remained flat between the two census periods.

Peanuts	2017	2022	% Change
Operations with Area Harvested	2,838	2,217	-22%
*Production (\$)	\$942,564,723	\$716,720,000	-24%
Acres Harvested	827,627	692,619	-16%
Tons Produced	1,791,287	1,489,287	-17%
Irrigated Acres Harvested	364,427	262,345	-28%
Peanuts, Irrigated, Entire Crop, Yield (lb./acre)	4,750.30	4,478.60	-6%
Peanuts, Non-irrigated, Yield (lb./acre)	4,158.20	4,139.20	-0.5%

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2017 Census of Agriculture and 2022 Census of Agriculture, calculations made by authors, adjusted to 2022 dollars,

*Survey Data, U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service QuickStats database