

COTTONSEED QUALITY

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Cottonseed from the 1988 crop averaged lower in grade than the previous year, according to the Cotton Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA. The average grade was 98.9, down from 100.2 a year earlier but up from 95.3 in 1986. Foreign matter content, at 1.3 percent, was down from 1.6 percent the previous season and 1.8 percent in 1986. Average moisture content was 10.2 percent against 9.4 and 11.1 percent in 1987 and 1986, respectively. The percentage of free fatty acids in cottonseed from the 1988 crop averaged 0.9, up from 0.6 last year but down from 1.2 two years ago. The quality index was 98.6 against 98.9 a year ago and 97.1 two years earlier. Average oil content of cottonseed was 17.9 percent, down from 18.3 in 1987 but up slightly from 17.3 in 1986. Ammonia content averaged 4.02 against 4.06 last year and 3.96 two years ago. Average quantity index at 99.96, was the second highest since 1973, and compares with 101.09 in 1987 and 98.04 in 1986.

Data from grade certificates covering 36,235 samples of cottonseed were used to compile this report. Averages of cottonseed quality and quantity factors and grades are shown by states, when sufficient certificates were received, and by months. Average grade factors of cottonseed are shown by states in Table 3. The averages in this table are arithmetic means of grade factors and indexes tabulated and averaged from the individual grade certificates issued by chemists licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Indicated 1988-crop cottonseed production is 6.05 million tons, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This is 5 percent above 5.77 million tons produced in 1987 and 59 percent higher than 3.80 million tons in 1986.

The summary of national averages appearing in Table 1 below and presented in other tables of this report is based on state quality and quantity and grades weighted by the number of certificates received.

Table 1. Cottonseed: Average quality and quantity factors, indexes and grades, United States 1973-1988

Year beginning August 1	Quality factors - percent			Quality index	Quantity factors		Quantity index	Average grade	Number of samples
	Foreign matter	Moisture	Free fatty acids		Oil	Ammonia			
1973	1.4	11.0	1.3	96.7	18.0	3.94	100.81	98.0	62,504
1974	1.6	11.0	1.6	96.5	17.7	3.82	98.42	95.5	61,114
1975	1.6	10.6	1.4	97.0	18.0	3.75	99.50	96.5	44,250
1976	1.8	10.6	0.7	98.4	17.7	3.88	98.93	97.5	52,048
1977	1.4	10.8	1.8	95.6	17.5	3.99	98.85	94.5	61,466
1978	1.5	10.5	0.9	98.5	17.4	4.08	98.97	98.0	50,418
1979	1.7	10.3	1.0	97.7	17.6	3.92	98.92	97.0	56,792
1980	1.7	10.4	0.9	98.0	16.9	4.08	97.17	95.5	38,224
1981	2.0	10.1	0.8	98.1	17.2	3.97	97.69	96.0	50,636
1982	1.4	10.9	1.1	98.0	17.5	3.89	98.22	96.5	33,612
1983	1.6	11.0	0.7	98.4	17.0	4.02	97.12	96.0	24,549
1984	1.7	11.4	2.1	93.8	17.0	3.94	96.63	90.5	39,970
1985	1.4	10.8	1.4	96.4	17.3	3.94	97.72	94.6	35,586
1986	1.8	11.1	1.2	97.1	17.3	3.96	98.04	95.3	25,414
1987	1.6	9.4	0.6	98.9	18.3	4.06	101.09	100.2	33,210
1988	1.3	10.2	0.9	98.6	17.9	4.02	99.96	98.9	36,235

STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF COTTONSEED SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE
FOR CRUSHING PURPOSES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

Determination of grade. The grade of cottonseed shall be determined from the analysis of samples, and it shall be the result, stated in the nearest whole or half number, obtained by multiplying a quantity index by a quality index and dividing the result by 100. The quantity index and the quality index shall be determined as hereinafter provided:

- (a) The basis grade of cottonseed shall be grade 100.
- (b) High grades of cottonseed shall be those grades above 100.
- (c) Low grades of cottonseed shall be those grades below 100.

Determination of quantity index. The quantity index of cottonseed shall be determined as follows:

- (a) For upland cottonseed the quantity index shall equal 4 times the percentage of oil plus 6 times the percentage of ammonia plus 5.
- (b) For American Pima cottonseed the quantity index shall equal 4 times the percentage of oil plus 6 times the percentage of ammonia minus 10.

Determination of quality index. The quality index of cottonseed shall be an index of purity and soundness, and shall be determined as follows:

- (a) Prime quality cottonseed. Cottonseed that by analysis contain not more than 1.0 percent of foreign matter, not more than 12.0 percent of moisture, and not more than 1.8 percent free fatty acids in the oil in the seed, shall be known as prime quality cottonseed and shall have quality index of 100.
- (b) Below prime quality cottonseed. The quality index of cottonseed that by analysis contain foreign matter, moisture, or free fatty acids in the oil in the seed, in excess of the percentage prescribed in (a) above shall be found by reducing the quality index of prime quality cottonseed as follows:
 - (1) Four-tenths of a unit for each 0.1 percent of free fatty acids in oil in the seed in excess of 1.8 percent.
 - (2) One-tenth of a unit for each 0.1 percent of foreign matter in excess of 1.0 percent.
 - (3) One-tenth of a unit for each 0.1 percent of moisture in excess of 12.0 percent.
- (c) Off quality cottonseed. Cottonseed that has been treated by either mechanical or chemical process other than the usual cleaning, drying and ginning (except sterilization required by United States Department of Agriculture for quarantine purposes) or that are fermented or hot, or that upon analysis are found to contain 12.5 percent or more of free fatty acids in the oil in the seed, or more than 10.0 percent of foreign matter, or more than 20.0 percent of moisture, or more than 25.0 percent of moisture and foreign matter combined shall be designated as "off quality" cottonseed.
- (d) Below Grade cottonseed. Cottonseed the grade of which when calculated according to the foregoing is below grade 40.0 shall be designated as "Below Grade" cottonseed and a numerical grade shall not be indicated.

Table 2. Examples of the computation of cottonseed quality and quantity indexes and grades, by qualities, in accordance with the official standards of the United States 1/

Quantity Factors		Quantity Factors		Quantity Factors		Quantity Factors		Quantity Factors		Quantity Factors		Quantity Factors				
Example 2/	FFA 3/	FM 4/	H2O 5/	Total	Oil	NH3 8/	Sum of Adjust-	Grade								
:	Reduction:	Reduction:	Reduction:	Quality:	Total:	Total:	ment:	ity:								
:	Units	Units	Units	index	Product	Product	Factors:	index:								
:	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	6/	7/	7/	7/	7/								
:	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units								
:	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.								
1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.0	3.60	21.60	97.50	+5	102.60	102.5			
2	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.2	4.10	24.60	95.80	+5	100.80	101.0			
3	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	64.8	3.97	23.82	88.62	+5	93.62	93.5			
4	1.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	74.0	3.50	21.00	95.00	+5	100.00	99.5			
5	1.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	78.8	3.75	22.50	101.30	+5	106.30	106.0			
6	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	69.2	4.23	25.38	94.58	+5	99.58	99.5			
7	1.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1	63.2	2.98	17.88	81.08	+5	86.08	85.5			
8	2.5	2.8	2.2	0.0	5.0	0.0	98.8	4.15	24.90	123.70	-10	113.70	108.0 AP			
PRIME QUALITY SEED																
BELOW PRIME QUALITY SEED																
OFF QUALITY SEED																
Treated (other than usual), Fermented, Hot																
9	12.5	42.8	0.7	0.0	12.0	0.0	42.8	57.2	20.1	80.4	3.67	22.02	102.42	+5	107.42	61.5
10	1.8	0.0	10.1	9.1	12.0	0.0	9.1	90.9	16.9	67.6	4.13	24.78	92.38	+5	97.38	88.5
11	1.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	20.1	8.1	8.1	91.9	18.8	75.2	3.80	22.80	98.00	+5	103.00	94.5
12	1.8	0.0	15.8	14.8	11.1	0.0	14.8	85.2	19.3	77.2	4.08	24.48	101.68	+5	106.68	91.0
13	4.6	11.2	11.5	10.5	9.2	0.0	21.7	78.3	16.4	65.6	4.32	25.92	91.52	+5	96.52	75.5
BELOW GRADE SEED																
14	10.5	34.8	20.8	19.6	15.6	3.6	58.2	41.8	17.0	68.0	3.41	20.46	88.46	+5	93.46	86+
15	17.5	62.8	0.5	0.0	14.1	2.1	64.9	35.1	19.5	78.0	3.94	23.64	101.64	+5	106.64	86+

1/ Important key figures that determine the range of various qualities of cottonseed are underscored.
2/ Example "8", demonstration of application of grading system on American Pima seed; all others relate to upland cottonseed.
3/ Free fatty acids in the oil in the seed.
4/ Foreign matter in the seed.
5/ Moisture in the seed.
6/ Reductions are the adjustments made in the quality index for excesses of free fatty acids, foreign matter, and moisture above or below tolerances.
7/ "Products" are percentages of oil and ammonia in the seed multiplied by the factor used in computing the quantity index.
8/ Ammonia in the seed.
* Below grade 40. No numerical grade is indicated.

Table 3. Cottonseed: Average quality and quantity factors, indexes and grades, by states and United States, 1987 and 1988

State	Quality factors - percent				Quantity factors - percent				Average grade							
	Foreign matter	Moisture	Free fatty acids	Quality index	Oil	Ammonia	Quantity index	Quantity index								
	1987 : 1988	1987 : 1988	1987 : 1988	1987 : 1988	1987 : 1988	1987 : 1988	1987 : 1988	1987 : 1988	1987 : 1988							
AL	0.9	1.1	9.5	12.1	0.5	1.8	99.8	97.1	17.3	17.1	4.15	4.02	99.14	97.65	98.9	94.8
AR	0.9	0.9	10.1	11.7	0.5	0.8	99.7	99.1	17.7	17.0	3.99	3.86	98.25	96.20	97.9	95.4
GA	0.8	0.9	8.7	10.8	1.7	2.3	96.6	96.7	18.3	18.1	4.11	4.02	103.02	101.45	99.6	98.1
LA	0.9	0.8	9.4	11.6	0.8	1.5	99.6	98.5	17.5	17.2	3.87	3.88	98.08	95.17	97.6	93.8
MS	0.9	0.8	9.5	11.7	0.5	1.5	99.6	98.0	17.6	16.5	4.65	3.97	98.55	94.83	99.5	93.1
MO	1.0	1.4	10.6	12.3	0.5	1.0	99.6	97.7	17.6	17.2	3.86	3.68	97.86	96.00	98.1	94.5
NM	2.1	1.6	8.5	8.0	0.4	0.4	98.9	99.2	19.2	19.6	3.95	3.91	105.79	106.86	104.7	106.0
NC	0.9	1.2	10.1	10.8	2.1	1.3	97.7	96.8	18.7	18.1	4.28	4.03	105.47	101.58	103.0	100.4
OK	2.8	1.7	9.6	9.3	0.6	0.4	98.0	99.1	19.2	19.1	3.88	4.05	104.40	105.72	102.4	104.8
SC	0.9	0.9	9.6	10.7	5.1	2.9	83.1	95.3	17.9	18.2	4.47	4.18	103.50	102.92	88.5	97.8
TN	1.1	1.1	10.2	12.5	0.5	0.9	99.4	98.7	17.6	17.8	3.98	3.77	99.33	98.52	98.4	97.3
TX	2.3	1.8	8.8	8.0	0.5	0.4	98.6	99.1	19.1	19.1	3.88	4.21	103.96	104.87	102.5	104.6
Other	0.8	0.7	10.1	12.0	0.7	2.9	99.7	94.2	16.6	16.4	3.60	3.69	93.30	92.91	93.0	87.5
U.S.	1.6	1.3	9.4	10.2	0.6	0.9	98.9	98.6	18.3	17.9	4.06	4.02	101.09	99.96	95.3	98.9

Table 4. Cottonseed: Average quality and quantity factors, indexes and grades, by specified periods and states, 1988

Month	Quality factors - percent			Quantity factors - percent			Average grade	Number of samples
	Foreign matter	Moisture	Free fatty acids	Quality index	Oil	Ammonia		
ALABAMA								
Sept.	1.0	11.6	0.8	98.5	16.0	4.12	93.80	105
Oct.	0.9	11.3	1.7	97.9	17.3	4.09	98.72	337
Nov.	1.4	13.2	2.3	95.2	17.1	3.96	97.13	283
Dec.	0.9	12.1	1.6	97.6	17.4	3.92	98.16	131
Jan.	0.8	11.8	1.0	99.8	17.3	3.93	97.78	26
Feb.	1.5	11.5	1.3	98.9	17.8	3.99	100.03	4
Mar. & Later	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Season	1.1	12.1	1.8	97.1	17.1	4.02	97.65	886
ARKANSAS								
Sept.	0.5	11.7	0.5	99.5	16.5	3.99	95.00	445
Oct.	0.7	11.2	0.7	99.6	17.3	3.90	97.64	2,034
Nov.	0.9	12.3	0.9	98.9	16.9	3.80	95.39	1,181
Dec.	1.7	12.3	1.2	98.0	16.6	3.76	93.77	573
Jan.	1.4	12.6	2.1	96.5	16.7	3.72	94.18	104
Feb.	2.9	11.4	0.6	97.9	16.9	3.91	96.06	37
Mar. & Later	1.6	11.3	0.9	99.4	17.3	3.83	97.00	9
Season	0.9	11.7	0.8	99.1	17.0	3.86	96.20	4,383
GEORGIA								
Sept.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct.	0.8	10.6	2.6	95.5	18.1	4.13	102.17	27
Nov.	0.7	10.4	1.9	98.4	18.5	3.97	102.81	29
Dec.	1.0	11.3	2.0	97.7	17.8	3.92	99.85	27
Jan.	0.7	11.3	3.4	93.5	17.9	4.20	101.69	3
Feb.	0.7	11.1	4.9	87.6	17.4	4.18	99.48	2
Mar. & Later	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Season	0.9	10.8	2.3	96.7	18.1	4.02	101.45	88

Table 4. Cottonseed: Average quality and quantity factors, indexes and grades, by specified periods and states, 1988 (Continued)

Month	Quality factors - percent			Quantity factors - percent			Quantity index	Average grade	Number of samples
	Foreign matter	Moisture	Free fatty acids	Quality index	Oil	Ammonia			
LOUISIANA									
Sept.	0.6	11.5	1.1	99.0	16.8	3.98	96.21	95.3	710
Oct.	0.9	11.2	1.3	99.0	17.9	3.87	96.25	95.3	1,432
Nov.	0.8	12.4	1.8	97.8	16.3	3.83	92.64	90.6	727
Dec.	1.2	12.4	2.3	96.0	16.1	3.72	91.76	88.1	262
Jan.	1.3	11.2	1.8	98.5	17.0	3.89	96.18	94.8	68
Feb.	0.8	11.2	1.8	98.8	17.3	3.99	98.27	97.2	114
Mar. & Later	0.4	10.8	2.6	97.0	16.9	3.87	95.59	92.5	29
Season	0.8	11.6	1.5	98.5	17.2	3.88	95.17	93.8	3,342
MISSISSIPPI									
Sept.	0.6	11.3	0.6	98.9	16.4	4.12	95.34	95.1	1,216
Oct.	0.7	11.6	1.2	99.1	16.6	3.99	95.48	94.7	3,421
Nov.	0.9	12.0	2.1	96.7	16.4	3.88	94.07	90.9	2,018
Dec.	1.3	12.5	2.6	94.6	16.2	3.81	92.59	87.7	564
Jan.	2.4	12.1	3.5	90.3	16.4	3.71	92.95	83.9	95
Feb.	0.7	11.0	3.0	95.2	16.9	3.97	96.19	91.5	26
Mar. & Later	0.7	10.4	2.5	97.2	17.1	4.00	97.40	94.5	14
Season	0.8	11.7	1.5	98.0	16.5	3.97	94.83	93.1	7,354
MISSOURI									
Sept.	1.8	12.2	1.3	94.8	16.4	3.84	93.61	89.9	25
Oct.	1.0	11.9	0.8	99.4	17.5	3.74	97.44	96.9	615
Nov.	1.4	12.5	0.8	98.7	17.1	3.61	95.23	94.0	437
Dec.	2.0	13.1	1.3	96.9	17.1	3.57	94.87	91.9	205
Jan.	1.9	13.2	1.4	79.7	17.0	3.52	94.21	92.1	63
Feb.	3.8	12.3	3.6	89.5	16.7	3.76	94.25	84.5	3
Mar. & Later	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Season	1.4	12.3	1.0	97.7	17.2	3.68	96.00	94.5	1,348

Table 4. Cottonseed: Average quality and quantity factors, indexes and grades, by specified periods and states, 1988 (Continued)

Month	Quality factors - percent			Quantity factors - percent			Average grade	Number of samples
	Foreign matter	Moisture	Free fatty acids	Quality index	Oil	Ammonia		
NEW MEXICO								
Sept.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct.	0.6	9.0	0.3	100.0	19.7	3.94	107.43	107.4
Nov.	1.7	7.4	0.4	99.3	19.6	3.90	106.69	105.9
Dec.	2.3	7.5	0.4	98.7	19.5	3.92	106.48	105.1
Jan.	1.8	7.3	0.4	99.2	19.6	3.84	106.43	105.5
Feb.	3.8	6.6	0.4	97.2	19.9	3.86	107.76	104.5
Mar. & Later	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Season	1.6	8.0	0.4	99.2	19.6	3.91	106.86	106.0
NORTH CAROLINA								
Sept.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct.	0.7	9.0	3.0	98.6	14.9	6.50	100.81	99.3
Nov.	1.0	10.8	1.0	99.6	18.7	4.04	104.01	103.7
Dec.	1.3	11.2	1.4	96.5	18.0	3.96	100.90	99.4
Jan.	3.8	10.6	1.4	97.3	17.3	3.71	96.46	93.8
Feb.	1.5	9.5	1.2	99.5	17.8	4.26	101.76	101.5
Mar. & Later	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Season	1.2	10.8	1.3	98.8	18.1	4.03	101.58	100.4
OKLAHOMA								
Sept.	0.5	10.8	0.6	99.7	20.7	3.80	110.75	110.3
Oct.	1.3	9.7	0.4	99.6	19.1	3.81	104.04	103.6
Nov.	1.2	9.7	0.4	99.5	19.0	3.93	104.50	104.1
Dec.	2.0	8.9	0.5	99.0	19.0	4.17	106.21	105.1
Jan.	2.7	8.7	0.5	98.2	19.3	4.24	107.75	105.8
Feb.	3.0	8.0	0.2	98.0	19.9	4.26	110.16	108.0
Mar. & Later	5.7	8.8	0.4	95.3	18.7	4.34	105.84	101.0
Season	1.7	9.3	0.4	99.1	19.1	4.05	105.72	104.8
SOUTH CAROLINA								
Sept.	0.1	11.2	5.0	87.2	17.7	4.42	102.32	89.0
Oct.	0.5	10.6	4.0	91.2	18.0	4.36	103.27	94.1
Nov.	1.0	11.1	2.2	98.3	18.4	4.12	103.43	101.6
Dec.	1.2	10.6	2.1	97.6	18.2	4.06	102.26	99.8
Jan.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb.	1.1	10.5	6.5	91.1	18.5	4.24	104.44	84.5
Mar. & Later	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Season	0.9	10.7	2.9	95.3	18.2	4.18	102.92	97.8

Table 4. Cottonseed: Average quality and quantity factors, indexes and grades, by specified periods and states, 1988 (Continued)

Month	Quality factors - percent			Quantity factors - percent			Quantity index	Average grade	Number of samples
	Foreign matter	Moisture	Free fatty acids	Quality index	Oil	Ammonia			
TENNESSEE									
Sept.	0.6	13.1	0.5	98.8	17.3	3.73	96.59	95.4	114
Oct.	0.7	12.5	0.7	99.1	17.9	3.83	99.41	98.5	1,074
Nov.	1.3	12.8	0.9	98.6	17.6	3.73	97.88	96.6	929
Dec.	1.6	11.9	1.1	98.7	17.8	3.70	98.30	97.0	475
Jan.	1.4	12.1	1.8	98.1	17.5	3.77	97.72	95.9	55
Feb.	2.0	11.7	2.0	96.5	17.5	3.83	98.17	94.9	7
Mar. & Later	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Season	1.1	12.5	0.9	98.7	17.8	3.77	98.52	97.3	2,654
TEXAS									
Aug.	1.0	9.0	0.3	99.7	17.4	4.06	98.97	98.6	2,058
Sept.	1.0	9.1	0.7	99.1	17.4	4.12	98.81	98.0	1,439
Oct.	1.8	8.9	0.5	99.1	18.6	3.91	102.77	101.8	908
Nov.	1.9	8.0	0.4	99.1	19.6	3.88	106.48	107.9	3,742
Dec.	2.1	7.3	0.4	98.9	19.8	3.93	107.85	106.7	4,186
Jan.	2.2	7.4	0.5	98.8	20.0	6.05	107.31	106.5	1,752
Feb.	2.4	7.8	0.5	98.6	19.5	3.82	105.41	104.0	505
Mar. & Later	2.1	8.6	0.5	98.9	20.0	3.90	108.20	107.0	28
Season	1.8	8.0	0.4	99.1	19.1	4.21	104.87	104.6	14,618
OTHER STATES									
Sept.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct.	0.5	11.3	5.5	85.1	16.6	3.87	94.44	80.4	5
Nov.	0.6	12.1	3.0	94.7	17.0	3.70	95.03	90.0	11
Dec.	0.8	12.5	1.9	97.2	15.7	3.64	89.79	87.3	9
Jan.	1.4	10.0	0.8	99.2	17.5	3.59	96.51	95.8	2
Feb.	1.0	13.9	1.7	98.1	14.4	3.36	82.76	81.0	1
Mar. & Later	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Season	0.7	12.0	2.9	94.2	16.4	3.69	92.91	87.5	28