

CHARGES FOR GINNING COTTON, COSTS OF SELECTED SERVICES INCIDENT TO
MARKETING, AND RELATED INFORMATION, 1975/76 SEASON

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Ginning charges.--The average charge for saw ginning and wrapping a 480-pound net weight bale of upland cotton in the United States was \$32.13 during the 1975/76 season, an increase of \$2.75 over the previous season. The average charges varied from \$23.47 in Alabama to \$39.92 in Texas. Total per bale charges were up in 9 States and down in 5. Increases ranged from \$6.72 in Texas to 36 cents in California. Charges for bagging and ties increased from \$8.77 to \$9.40. The greatest increase was \$2.11 in South Carolina. All other increases were less than \$1.00, with Louisiana showing a decrease of \$1.92. Charges for roller ginning and wrapping a 480-pound net weight bale of American Pima cotton was \$41.16--an increase of \$3.96 over 1974 and \$8.43 over 1973.

Production of upland cotton was down 3,176,447 from 1974 and 4,459,054 from 1973. Production of American Pima cotton decreased approximately 35,000 bales from the 1974 crop of approximately 89,000. The number of active gins for the 1975 season was 2,857 compared with 3,219 in 1974, and 3,280 in 1973.

Method of harvesting.--As in 1974, less than 0.5 percent of the 1975 crop was hand-picked or hand-snapped, with 70 percent being machine-picked; 29 percent machine-stripped; and 1 percent machine-scraped. This represents an increase of 9 percent in the machine-stripped classification with a similar decrease in machine-picked. Approximately 7 percent of the crop was ginned from ricks or modules.

Pounds of seed cotton required for a 480-pound net-weight bale.--In 1975/76, pounds of seed cotton required per 480-pound upland bale were: hand-picked, 1,443; hand-snapped, 2,076; machine-picked, 1,502; machine-stripped, 2,734; and machine-scraped, 2,390. All of these weights showed an increase over weights of the previous year.

Purchases of cotton by ginners.--Growers sold 23 percent of their crop to ginners as baled lint, up from 8 percent last year. Percentages varied from less than 0.5 in 5 States to 96 percent in Missouri.

Selected services incident to marketing.--Average receiving charges made by warehousemen rose 4 cents a bale to \$1.36. The average storage charge increased 9 cents a bale per month to 94 cents for cotton not under Government loan or acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Compression charges averaged \$3.55 for standard density and \$3.58 for universal density, increases of 48 and 49 cents, respectively.

1/ Primary data were collected and preliminary computations made by the Cotton Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, with the cooperation of ginners and warehousemen. (See reverse of this sheet for detailed figures.)

Average charges for saw ginned upland cotton, average charges for selected services incident to marketing and related information by State, 1975/76 season

Item	U. S.	Ala.	Ariz.	Ark.	Calif.	Ga.	La.	Miss.	Mo.	N. C.	Okla.	S. C.	Tenn.	Texas
BALES GINNED 1/ (running bales).....	8,152	302	555	671	1,930	138	338	1,009	189	65	45	173	208	2,369
WRAPPING AND GINNING CHARGES PER BALE:														
Total charge per 480-pound net-weight bale 2/.....	32.13	23.47	29.35	30.39	29.00	24.40	29.08	27.81	32.32	35.06	30.02	32.50	28.86	39.92
Charges per bale for bagging and ties when assessed separately.....	9.40	3/	3/	7.63	3/	5.83	5.28	4/	7.00	7.45	7.10	7.54	3/	10.23
METHOD OF HARVESTING:														
Hand-picked.....	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
Hand-snapped.....	3/	3/	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Machine-picked.....	70	100	93	100	100	100	100	99	100	84	100	100	100	100
Machine-stripped.....	29	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	14	100	---	---	93
Machine-scraped.....	1	---	6	---	5/	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	5/
WEIGHT OF SEED COTTON PER 480-POUND NET-WEIGHT BALE:														
Hand-picked.....	1,454	6/	---	1,427	---	6/	4/	4/	---	1,407	6/	6/	1,325	1,601
Hand-snapped.....	2,076	6/	---	---	---	6/	---	4/	---	1,986	6/	6/	---	2,072
Machine-picked.....	1,502	6/	1,511	1,429	1,501	6/	4/	4/	1,491	1,590	6/	6/	1,422	1,619
Machine-stripped.....	2,734	6/	2,125	---	---	6/	---	4/	---	2,519	6/	6/	---	2,756
Machine-scraped.....	2,309	6/	2,241	---	2,208	6/	---	5/	---	2,741	6/	6/	---	2,634
COTTON GINNED FROM:														
Trailers.....	93	95	100	97	85	100	99	99	100	99	100	100	100	91
Modules.....	2	5	---	3	5/	---	1	1	5/	1	---	---	---	5
Ricks.....	5	---	---	---	15	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
Other.....	5/	5/	---	5/	---	---	---	5/	---	---	---	---	---	---
PROPORTION OF PRODUCTION PURCHASED BY GINNERS FROM GROWERS AS BALED LINT.....	23	10	5/	5/	5/	12	5/	5/	96	5	17	79	60	57
CHARGES FOR WAREHOUSING AND RELATED SERVICES:														
Charge per bale for receiving.....	1.36	1.91	---	1.22	---	1.65	1.39	1.33	1.20	1.42	1.17	4/	1.39	1.41
Charge per bale per month for insured storage 7/.....	.94	1.00	.94	1.01	.97	.92	.98	1.02	1.00	.80	.83	4/	.75	.89
Charge per bale for compressing to:														
Standard density.....	3.55	3.75	3.53	3.75	3.40	2.75	3.38	3.68	3.75	3.62	---	4/	2.75	3.70
Universal density.....	3.58	---	3.53	3.75	3.45	3.50	3.34	3.70	3.75	3.62	---	4/	3.75	3.71

1/ Based on report of April 1976 by Bureau of the Census, but excluding all American Pima bales. Also excluded are 4,599 bales ginned in Florida, Nevada, and Virginia.
 2/ Includes bagging and ties, drying of seed cotton, and use of lint cleaners, but does not reflect any patronage dividends or customer rebates.
 3/ Separate charges customarily not made.
 4/ Data unavailable.
 5/ Less than 0.5 percent.
 6/ Seed cotton usually not weighted.
 7/ Based on published tariffs. For storage under Government price-support programs, warehousemen are paid lower rates.