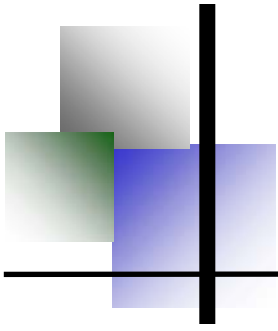


Oklahoma Cotton Producers



OKLAHOMA COTTON PRODUCERS, along with a small acreage in Virginia, are the only ones in the US to plant more upland cotton in 2008 than in 2007, according to the USDA.

USDA estimates there are 190,000 acres of cotton in the Sooner state, an 8.6 percent increase over the state's 2007 production of 175,000 acres in 2007. Virginia planted 65,000 acres in 2008, an 8.3 percent increase over its 2007 crop of 60,000 acres. All other cotton producing states planted less cotton acreage this year than in 2007.



In the Southwest cotton growing states of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas, Texas planted 4,700,000 acres this year, compared to 4,900,000 acres last year, according to the USDA estimates. This is a 4.1 percent acreage decrease.

Kansas has 45,000 acres of cotton this year, compared to 47,000 in 2007.

In the three state area, USDA estimates 4,935,000 acres of cotton are growing this year, compared to 5,112,000 acres in 2007. This is a 3.7 percent decrease.

In its June acreage report, USDA estimated the total 2008-09 US cotton plantings at 9.25 million acres, down 15 percent from the previous year and the lowest since the 1983 crop. Upland planted area is estimated to have decreased 14 percent to 9.04 million acres..Extra long staple cotton is down 31 percent to 202,000 acres.

VIETNAMESE TEXTILE and government representatives reaffirmed their commitment to further increasing imports of US cotton during a recent meeting.

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In the meeting, which took place during Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung's visit to Washington, DC, representatives of Cotton Council International stated the importance of the Vietnamese textile industry as a market for US cotton. CCI and Cotton Inc. have had a presence in Vietnam since the mid 1990s and continue to offer support in the form of fiber and technical servicing, trade missions and supply chain marketing. TALKIN' COTTON is produced by NTOK Cotton, a cotton industry partnership which supports and encour-

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