

TALKIN' COTTON

FOURTEEN PERCENT more cotton acres will be planted in 2011 than in 2010 in Oklahoma and the US, according to National Cotton Council cotton producer survey results announced at a NCC meeting in San Antonio, TX., Saturday.

Reporting from the NCC meeting, Harvey Schroeder, executive director of the Oklahoma Cotton Council, stated the survey found US cotton growers intend to grow 12,514,000 acres of cotton in 2011. This figure is a 14 percent increase over 2010.

According to the NCC survey, Oklahoma cotton growers will plant 326,000 acres of cotton in 2011, a 14 percent increase over the 285,000 acres grown in 2010 in the Sooner State.

Results of the NCC producer survey found the 2011 Oklahoma cotton acreage increase will be greatly influenced by farmers planting cotton on acres usually planted to winter wheat. Record high prices exceeding a dollar per pound for lint cotton in 2010 are expected to continue in 2011. Worldwide cotton supplies are small with mills eagerly seeking more cotton to process.

A Jan. 15, 2011, NCC report, dated Jan. 15, 2011, 17,143,000 bales of cotton were ginned in 2010, compared to 11,383,050 bales ginned in in 2009.

There were 16,706,300 bales of upland cotton, excluding extra-long staple cotton, ginned in the US in 2010, compared to 11,006,300 bales in 2009.

In 2010, Oklahoma gins processed 373,400 bales of cotton, compared to 266,500 bales in 2009.

In the three southwest cotton-growing states of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. 7,953,850 bales of cotton were ginned, compared to 4,683,600 bales in 2009.

Texas ginned 7,508,950 bales in 2010, compared to 4,388,150 bales in 2009. Kansas gins processed 71,500 bales in 2010, compared to 28,950 bales in 2009.

Comparing numbers of cotton bales ginned in 2010 in other cotton-growing states demonstrates the growing influence of cotton production in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

In the Southeast, 4,159,400 bales were ginned in 2010, compared to 3,129,600 bales in 2009. In the Mid-South states, 3,733,000 bales were ginned in 2010, compared to 2,538,300 in 2009. In the West cotton growing states, 869,000 bales were ginned in 2010, compared to 654,800 in 2009.

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