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Organic Cotton Market Summary

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Production

The 2021 organic Upland and American Pima cotton production in the U.S. totaled 54,131 bales, the largest on record, according to information collected from organic producers, marketing associations, and gins that process organic cotton. An additional 11,678 transitional bales were reported. Texas continues to lead organic cotton plantings and production, with additional acreage in Arizona, California, and New Mexico.

Cottonseed

Organic cottonseed prices ranged from 500 to 700 dollars per ton. This compares to 225 to 345 dollars per ton for conventional cotton. Cottonseed yields ranged from 558 to 825 pounds of seed per bale of ginned lint. Most of the cottonseed was sold to organic dairies. Some was saved for replanting and organic fertilizer.

2022 Crop Outlook

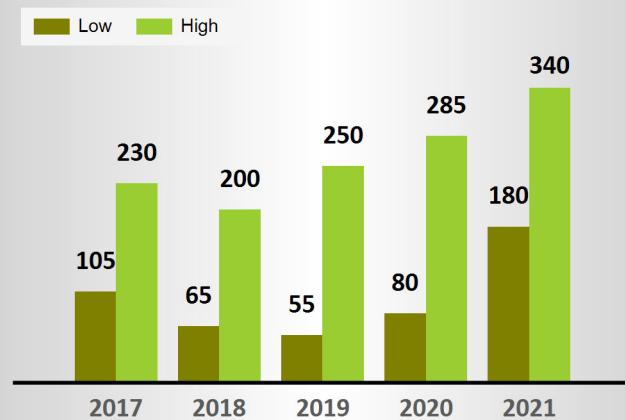
Labor, transportation, and shipping logistics from the COVID-19 Pandemic continued to present challenges to the agriculture industry. Drought conditions and decreases of irrigation water availability affected planted acreage, abandonment, and yields. Keen interest in West Texas yields is an on-going concern. Demand is very good, but supplies are limited. Brands and retailers are interested in U.S. organic cotton for the reputation and sustainability. Nearly 85 percent of the U.S. crop was used in non-woven materials and remains in the U.S.

Organic Upland and American Pima Bale Production



Source: USDA, AMS Cotton and Tobacco Program

Organic Upland and American Pima Lint Prices in Cents Per Pound



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