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Organic Cotton Market Summary

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Production

The 2019 organic Upland and American Pima cotton production in the US totaled 29,351 bales according to information collected from organic producers, marketing associations, and gins that process organic cotton. Production increased by 5,868 bales from the previous year. An additional 1,030 transitional bales were reported. Production was concentrated in West Texas with additional acreage in New Mexico. Bayer CropScience FM 958, AFD 2485, and Seed Source Genetics UA 222 were the predominate varieties.

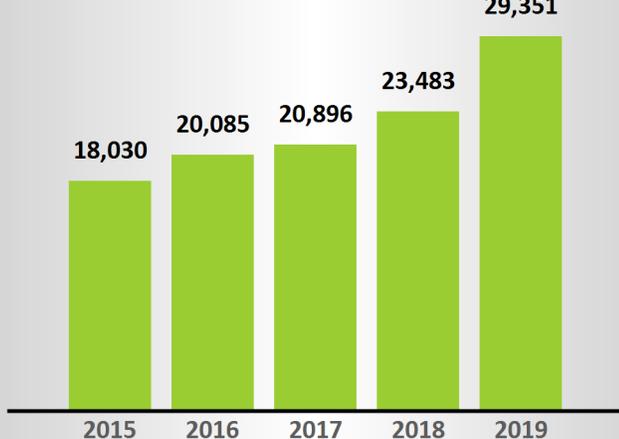
Cottonseed

Organic cottonseed prices ranged from 425 to 600 dollars per ton. This compares to 165 to 210 dollars per ton for conventional cotton. Cottonseed yields ranged from 500 to 870 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. Other uses include products for human use and consumption.

2020 Crop Outlook

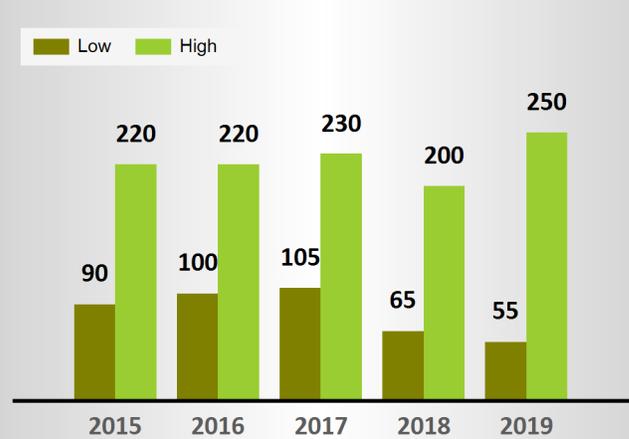
In Texas, droughty conditions during the planting season challenged the crop. Strong winds blew some seedlings out of the ground and further dried soils. The majority of the dryland stands were lost to drought and hail. Irrigation pivots struggled to keep up with water demand, until intermittent rainfall arrived in late July. Limited availability of non-genetically modified planting seed continued to be a concern and must be requested far in advance. Texas continues to lead organic cotton plantings and production, with additional acreage in Arizona, California, and New Mexico. Demand was good. The COVID-19 Pandemic impacted commodity markets and disrupted marketing infrastructure.

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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