

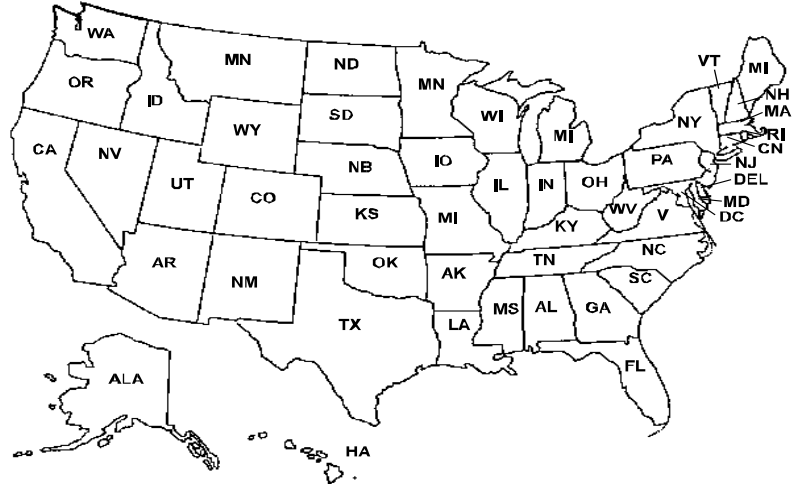


# Cotton

**Cotton is grown, by farmers, in many southern and southwestern states. The top ten states that produce cotton in order of production are:**

- Texas
- Georgia
- Arkansas
- North Carolina
- California
- Missouri
- Tennessee
- Arizona
- Mississippi
- Alabama

*(According to 2009 data from the USDA)*



Florida, Oklahoma, and South Carolina also produce cotton but are not in the top 10 cotton producing states.

**Cotton is also grown in many other countries. The world's top 10 leading producers of cotton in order are:**

- China
- India
- United States
- Pakistan
- Brazil
- Uzbekistan
- Australia
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Argentina

*(According to 2009 data from the USDA)*



Florida's 2011 cotton crop was worth \$75,874,000. Many products are processed from cotton:

Cotton fiber is most commonly known and worn in clothing, but it is also used in the manufacture of rayon, varnishes, and cellophane.

The seeds are crushed for oil used in margarine and cooking oils. (So, a little part of the cotton plant is edible!)

The remainder of the cotton plant is used for livestock feed.