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NCC Survey Suggests U.S. Producers to Plant 10.1 Million Acres of Upland/ELS Cotton in 2010

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – U.S. cotton producers intend to plant 10.1 million acres of cotton this spring, up more than 10 percent from 2009, according to the National Cotton Council's 27th Annual Early Season Planting Intentions Survey. *(see table attached)*

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Prospective 2010 U.S. Cotton Area

	2009 USDA Actual	2010 NCC Intentions	Percent Change
	(Thousand Acres)		
SOUTHEAST	1,891	2,123	12.2%
Alabama	255	306	19.9%
Florida	82	80	-2.7%
Georgia	1,000	1,089	8.9%
North Carolina	375	448	19.5%
South Carolina	115	130	12.7%
Virginia	64	71	10.3%
MID-SOUTH	1,627	1,764	8.4%
Arkansas	520	522	0.4%
Louisiana	230	233	1.1%
Mississippi	305	362	18.7%
Missouri	272	293	7.7%
Tennessee	300	354	18.0%
SOUTHWEST	5,243	5,718	9.1%
Kansas	38	45	19.0%
Oklahoma	205	259	26.3%
Texas	5,000	5,414	8.3%
WEST	247	312	26.6%
Arizona	145	175	20.4%
California	71	97	37.1%
New Mexico	31	40	31.9%
TOTAL UPLAND	9,008	9,916	10.1%
TOTAL ELS	142	176	24.4%
Arizona	2	2	5.0%
California	119	152	27.9%
New Mexico	3	3	3.6%
Texas	18	19	6.5%
ALL COTTON	9,149	10,093	10.3%