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## Organic Cotton Market Summary

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### Production

The 2022 organic Upland and American Pima cotton production in the U.S. totaled 42,883 bales, according to information collected from organic producers, marketing associations, and gins that process organic cotton. Production decreased by 11,248 bales from the previous year. An additional 2,212 transitional bales were reported. Texas continues to lead organic cotton plantings and production, with additional acreage in Arizona, California, Georgia, and New Mexico.

### Cottonseed

Organic cottonseed prices ranged from 500 to 740 dollars per ton. This compares to 275 to 460 dollars per ton for conventional cotton. Cottonseed yields ranged from 400 to 800 pounds of seed per bale of ginned lint. Most of the cottonseed was sold to organic dairies. Some was saved for replanting, organic fertilizer, and livestock feed.

### 2023 Crop Outlook

Texas continues to lead organic plantings and production. A lack of rainfall and prolonged triple digit temperatures affected stand vigor that caused a significant amount of the dryland acres to be abandoned. Irrigation water supplies were adversely distressed at some locations. Most of the U.S. crop was used in non-woven materials and remains in the U.S. Lingering economic slow-down from the Covid-19 Pandemic caused shipping bookings to be slow or canceled. Inland, container availability is limited and causes further delays. Demand outpaces supply and organic fiber prices have risen.

