

**2009  
COTTON SITUATION  
VICTORIA COUNTY**

Cotton acreage decreased again considerably in 2009 due to a flat cotton market, and drought enticing farmers to plant more grain sorghum. Acreage levels were the third lowest since cotton acreage returned in 1988. Yield potential was fair at best with the drought hurting plant growth and production. The boll weevil insect pressure was further reduced in this area through continued efforts of the boll weevil program and reduced cotton acres.

Cotton was planted in Victoria County from the mid-1800's until 1974 when it was discontinued due to low prices and boll weevil insect problems. Planting resumed in 1988.

YEAR	COUNTY ACREAGE	AVERAGE YIELD LBS/AC	AVERAGE PRICE \$/LB *	% OF COUNTY AG INCOME
2009	2,581	400	\$0.62	1%
2008	5,729	600	0.53	5
2007	8,373	450	0.46	5
2006	21,854	675	0.54	17
2005	17,814	780	0.54	17
2004	22,775	600	0.56	16
2003	16,341	700	0.54	16
2002	13,769	675	0.52	12
2001	16,661	700	0.30	10
2000	17,200	650	0.53	16
1999	20,709	960	0.55	24
1998	13,890	235	0.67	9
1997	7,807	404	0.73	9
1996	17,400	350	0.68	15
1995	21,627	775	0.74	26
1994	12,200	785	0.70	17
1993	12,400	375	0.42	6
1992	17,656	563	0.50	5
1991	15,800	950	0.60	2
1990	5,528	650	0.60	9
1989	1,034	650	0.70	2
1988	1,023	675	0.60	2
<b>AVG</b>	<b>13,190</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>\$0.56</b>	<b>11</b>

The above listed selling prices are an estimated average selling price over about a two month period around harvest. Many farmers have sold their crops above or below this average price and the prices listed above and income below does not reflect any government payments\*.

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Total County Agricultural Income *	\$45,231,000
Income from Cotton	\$640,000
Percent Income from Cotton	1 %