

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Cotton

Alabama is the 10th top producer of cotton in the United States. Cotton's stalk is called a cane, and it grows about three feet high. The leaves and cotton bolls grow at the top of the cane. The bolls are where the cotton fibers and seeds are held.

When cotton is planted in the early spring, it grows all throughout the summer until mid-fall when the bolls flower open to reveal the approximate 500,000 fibers held inside. Cotton fiber is used to make thread and all types of clothing articles. Cotton seeds are used in livestock feed.



Did you know?

Cotton is Alabama's primary row crop!

