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State Cotton Production 10 Percent Lower Than Last Year

Arizona's 243,000 acres of all cotton for harvest are expected to produce 658,000 bales, 10 percent below last year's production of 728,600 bales.

Arizona's 239,000 acres of upland cotton for harvest are expected to produce 650,000 bales, up 1 percent above the 2004 crop. As of December 1, yield is estimated at 1,305 pounds per acre, a decrease of 153 pounds from last year.

Arizona's American-Pima yield is forecast at 960 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month, but 64 pounds more than last year. Production is expected to produce 8,000 bales, compared to 5,600 last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 4,000, compared to 3,000 last year.

The California Upland crop is forecast at 1.1 million bales, down 39 percent from the 2004 crop. California's Pima expected crop of 600,000 bales is down 12 percent from a year earlier.

U.S. All cotton production is forecast at a record high 23.7 million 480- pound bales, up 2 percent from the November forecast and 2 percent above last year. Yield is expected to average 832 pounds per acre, up 19 pounds from last month but down 23 pounds from 2004. If realized, production will surpass the previous record set last year, while yield would be the second largest on record. However, Georgia, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas are expecting record high yields. The December area expected for harvest remains unchanged from last month at 13.7 million acres but is up 5 percent from 2004.

Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Type, State, and United States, 2004 and Forecasted December 1, 2005

Type and State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production 1/	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005
				Nov 1	Dec 1		
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 Bales 2/</i>	
Upland							
AL	540.0	545.0	724	766	766	814.0	870.0
AZ	238.0	239.0	1,458	1,305	1,305	723.0	650.0
AR	900.0	1,040.0	1,114	1,015	1,011	2,089.0	2,190.0
CA	557.0	433.0	1,543	1,275	1,219	1,790.0	1,110.0
FL	87.0	85.0	601	700	700	109.0	124.0
GA	1,280.0	1,210.0	674	793	853	1,797.0	2,150.0
KS	80.0	70.0	424	555	617	70.7	90.0
LA	490.0	600.0	867	928	896	885.0	1,120.0
MS	1,100.0	1,180.0	1,024	854	879	2,346.0	2,160.0
MO	378.0	435.0	1,054	960	988	830.0	895.0
NM	64.0	51.0	848	866	941	113.0	100.0
NC	725.0	810.0	900	812	830	1,360.0	1,400.0
OK	200.0	220.0	727	742	764	303.0	350.0
SC	214.0	263.0	875	785	785	390.0	430.0
TN	525.0	635.0	900	862	862	984.0	1,140.0
TX	5,350.0	5,500.0	694	681	707	7,740.0	8,100.0
VA	81.0	92.0	956	730	835	161.4	160.0
United States	12,809.0	13,408.0	843	806	824	22,505.1	23,029.0
Amer-Pima							
AZ	3.0	4.0	896	960	960	5.6	8.0
CA	214.0	226.0	1,532	1,211	1,274	683.0	600.0
NM	10.5	11.0	869	916	916	19.0	21.0
TX	20.5	24.0	890	900	900	38.0	45.0
United States	248.0	265.0	1,443	1,166	1,221	745.6	674.0
All							
United States	13,057.0	13,673.0	855	813	832	23,250.7	23,703.0

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ 480-lb. net weight bale.

Citrus Fruits: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and Forecasted December 1, 2005 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production Boxes		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
	<i>1,000 Boxes /2</i>		
Oranges, Early, Mid, and Navel 3/			
AZ 4/	300	240	270
CA 4/	39,500	43,000	42,000
FL	126,000	79,100	80,000
TX 4/	1,420	1,500	1,300
US	167,220	123,840	123,570
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ 4/	170	190	200
CA 4/	11,000	18,000	13,000
FL	116,000	70,500	82,000
TX 4/	230	270	230
US	127,400	88,960	95,430
All Oranges			
AZ 4/	470	430	470
CA 4/	50,500	61,000	55,000
FL	242,000	149,600	162,000
TX 4/	1,650	1,770	1,530
US	294,620	212,800	219,000
Temples			
FL	1,400	650	800
All Grapefruit			
AZ 4/	140	140	120
CA 4/	5,800	5,800	5,800
FL	40,900	12,800	16,000
TX 4/	5,700	6,600	5,400
US	52,540	25,340	27,320
Tangerines			
AZ 4/ 5/	690	400	500
CA 4/ 5/	2,200	2,800	3,200
FL	6,500	4,450	5,700
US	9,390	7,650	9,400
Lemons 4/			
AZ	3,000	2,400	3,800
CA	18,000	19,000	19,000
US	21,000	21,400	22,800
Tangelos			
FL	1,000	1,550	1,200

- 1/ The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year.
2/ Net lbs. per box: Oranges-AZ and CA-75, FL-90,TX-85; Grapefruit-AZ and CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; Lemons-76; Tangelos, Temples-90; Tangerines-AZ and CA-75, FL-95.
3/ Navel and miscellaneous varieties in AZ and CA. Early (including Navel) and midseason varieties in FL and TX. Small quantities of tangerines in TX.
4/ Estimates for current year carried forward from previous forecast.
5/ Includes tangelos & tangors.

Pecans: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted December 1, 2005

State	Utilized Production		
	2003	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		
AL	8,000	1,100	4,000
AZ	22,500	14,000	21,000
AR 1/	3,800	1,700	3,000
CA 1/	3,700	3,500	3,900
FL 1/	2,100	500	1,400
GA	75,000	45,000	60,000
KS 1/	2,000	1,800	3,100
LA	20,000	9,000	4,000
MS 1/	7,000	1,000	800
MO 1/ 2/			1,500
NM	55,000	39,000	62,000
NC 1/	2,500	100	2,000
OK	6,000	28,000	16,000
SC 1/	4,500	1,100	2,500
TX	70,000	40,000	65,000
US	282,100	185,800	250,200

- 1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.
2/ Estimates began in 2005.

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Release Dates for Upcoming National Reports

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January 12.....Winter Wheat Seedings

Hired Workers Down 4 Percent, Wage Rates Up 3 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,129,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 9-15, 2005, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 840,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 289,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.61 per hour during the October 2005 reference week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.90 per hour,

up 28 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.14 per hour compared with \$8.91 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.96 per hour, was up 27 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 42.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates By State, 2004-05 1/ 2/

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Dollars per Hour		Dollars per Hour		Dollars per Hour	
AZ	7.80	8.50	7.08	7.70	7.16	7.86
CA	9.33	9.76	8.41	8.81	8.58	9.00
CO	9.73	9.04	9.14	8.09	9.09	8.32
NV	8.99	8.62	8.43	7.53	8.18	8.12
NM	8.71	8.78	7.92	7.53	8.24	8.23
TX	8.54	8.80	7.73	7.83	7.80	8.03
UT	9.65	9.29	8.54	8.16	8.84	8.57
US 3/	9.23	9.50	8.45	8.69	8.56	8.83

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average for all the States, Regions, and the U.S. is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October.

3/ Excludes AK.



Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays to all the growers and agribusinesses of Arizona, and to all the University, State and Federal Agencies that provide services that make our mission a success. We would like to express our gratitude for your support to our survey operations. The real value of timely, accurate and unbiased agricultural statistics is evident in the high demand for our data products by individual farmers and ranchers, ag related industries, educational institutions, and other governmental agencies.

The holiday season is upon us and it is time to focus on families and friends and the blessings of living in a great country where freedoms and opportunities abound. From all of us at AG STATISTICS, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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November Farm Prices Received Index Increased 2 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 113, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.8 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 1 point (1.0 percent) while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for eggs, oranges, potatoes, cucumbers, and cattle. Lower prices were received for lettuce, dairy, hogs, broilers, and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of dairy,

cattle, cotton, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and sweet corn.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) from November 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 119, increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from last month but decreased 3 points (2.5 percent) from November 2004.

Prices Paid Index Decreased 1 Point

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 143 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent) from October but is 8 points (5.9 percent) above November 2004. Lower

prices in November for diesel fuel, gasoline, complete feeds, and hays & forages offset higher prices for feed concentrates, nitrogen fertilizers, building materials, and feeder pigs.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, November 2004 and 2005 and October 2005

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		November 2004 Entire Month	October 2005 Entire Month	November 2005 Mid-Month	November 2004 Entire Month	October 2005 Entire Month	November 2005 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	45.40	1/	1/	43.20	48.50	48.20
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	161.00	149.00	1/	104.00	89.40	92.60
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	126.33	113.33	107.67
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	98.00	120.00	120.00	95.20	106.00	97.50
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	24.60	27.20	28.30	31.20	27.10	28.90
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	28.60	---	33.10	29.60	31.00	30.80
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	14.20	---	30.40	30.80	31.90	28.20
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	50.70	46.20	44.20	48.70	46.60	45.80
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	105.00	103.00	104.00	90.20	96.60	97.40
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	104.00	102.00	103.00	85.40	91.10	91.60
Calves	\$ Cwt	122.00	120.00	117.00	123.00	134.00	132.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	15.60	15.30	15.10	16.20	15.50	15.10

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
 2/ Marketing year August – February.
 3/ Not available for Arizona.
 4/ Mid-month.
 5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs., Grapefruit 67 lbs.
 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
 7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
 8/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. October 2005 Fat test percent: all milk 3.71.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2004		2005	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	114	115	111	113
Prices Paid	136	135	144	143
Ratio 1/	84	85	77	79

1/ Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.