

# ARIZONA NEWS RELEASE

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## ARIZONA UPLAND COTTON PRODUCTION UNCHANGED

Phoenix – **Arizona's** all cotton production as of November 1 is forecast at 593,000 bales, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but 5 percent lower than the final 2005 production.

Acres for harvest, at 215,000, are down 18,100 acres from 2005. All cotton yield, at 1,324 pounds per acre, is up 43 pounds from last year.

**Arizona's** 208,000 acres of upland cotton for harvest are expected to produce 580,000 bales, unchanged from last month, but 35,000 bales less than last year. If realized, the crop will yield 1,338 pounds per acre up 49 pounds from the previous season's yield.

**Arizona's** 7,000 acres of American-Pima cotton for harvest are expected to produce 13,000 bales, unchanged from last month but up 6,000 bales from the 2005 production. This year's crop is expected to yield 891 pounds per acre, up 71 pounds from last year.

**U.S.** all Cotton production is forecast at 21.3 million 480-pound bales, up 3 percent from last month but down 11 percent from last year's record high production. Yield is expected to average 798 pounds per acre, up 24 pounds from last month but down 33 pounds from last year. The harvested area is expected to total 12.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 7

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percent from 2005. Growers in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Texas are expecting better yields due to the favorable weather conditions received in the later part of the growing season. In Arkansas, a record high production is expected.

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