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Arizona's Cotton Production Decreased From 2005

Arizona's all cotton production for 2006 is estimated at 583,000 bales, 6 percent lower than the final 2005 production. All acres for harvest, at 195,000, are down 38,100 acres from 2005. All cotton yield, at 1,435 pounds per acre, is up 154 pounds from last year.

Upland cotton production is expected to total 570,000 bales, down 7 percent from the 2005 crop. Yield is estimated at 1,455 pounds per acre, compared to 1,289 pounds per acre last year. Harvested acreage at 188,000 acres is down from 229,000 acres harvested in 2005. Arizona's American-Pima production is estimated at 13,000 bales for 2006. Harvested area is estimated at 7,000 acres for an average yield of 891 pounds per acre.

U.S. upland cotton production is estimated at 21.0 million bales, up 2 percent from the December 1 forecast but 10 percent below last year's record high production. The U.S. yield for upland cotton is estimated at 811 pounds per acre, up 21 pounds from last month but 14 pounds below last year's yield. Harvested acreage at 12.4 million acres is down less than 1 percent from last month and 8 percent below last year. Upland planted area, estimated at 14.9 million acres, is 7 percent above last year.

American-Pima producers planted 326,000, up 21 percent from last year. California producers planted a record high 275,000 acres. The increase in U.S. planted acreage led to a 20 percent increase from last year in harvested area, with 323,500 acres harvested. Production is estimated at 756,000 bales, up 4 percent from last month and 20 percent above last year. With the prolonged heat in California during July, the crop developed later than normal. By late October, harvest was in full swing in California and Arizona where favorable weather conditions allowed for a second picking of the crop.

Arizona's cottonseed production for 2006 is estimated at 223,000 tons, down 15 percent from last year. U.S. cottonseed production is expected to total 7.63 million tons, down 7 percent from 2005.

Arizona's citrus crop for 2006-07 is forecast as follows: lemons, 2.80 million boxes, down 26 percent from last season; grapefruit, 100,000 boxes, unchanged; Valencia oranges, 150,000 boxes, down 25 percent; navel and miscellaneous oranges, 200,000 boxes, down 20 percent; and tangerines, 400,000 boxes, down 27 percent.

Citrus production in California is forecast as follows: lemons, 20.5 million boxes, down 2 percent; grapefruit, 6.00 million boxes, same as previous season; Valencia oranges, 13.0 million boxes, up 8 percent; navel and miscellaneous oranges, 33.0 million boxes, down 27 percent; and tangerines, 3.80 million boxes, up 6 percent.

Arizona durum wheat seedings for 2007 are estimated at 80,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2006. Other wheat seedings at 3,000 acres, are down 1,000 acres from last year.

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