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Arizona's Upland Cotton Production Forecast Down 8 Percent

Arizona's upland cotton harvested acreage is estimated at 178,000 acres, down 10,000 acres or 5 percent from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 1,375 pounds per acre, 45 pounds lower than the yield in 2006. Production is forecast at 510,000 bales, down 8 percent from last year. The cotton crop is in mostly fair to good condition. American-Pima cotton harvested acreage, at 4,000 acres, is down 3,000 acres. Production is expected to total 7,500 bales, down 5,900 bales from last year. Pima yield, at 900 pounds per acre, is down 19 pounds from a year ago.

Other Arizona crop forecasts of production include alfalfa, at 2.13 million tons, up 2 percent; grapes, at 1,100 tons, up 200 tons; and apples, at 23.0 million pounds, down 24 percent from last year.

At the U.S. level, all Cotton production is forecast at 17.3 million 480-pound bales, down 20 percent from last year's 21.6 million bales. Yield is expected to average 783 pounds per harvested acre, down 31 pounds from 2006. Producers expect to harvest 10.6 million acres of all cotton and 10.3 million acres of upland cotton, down 16 percent and 17 percent, respectively. Upland cotton production is forecast at 16.5 million 480-pound bales, 21 percent below 2006. Texas producers are expecting to produce 6.10 million 480-pound bales of upland cotton, up 5 percent from last year. With ideal weather in Mississippi and Arkansas, producers expect higher

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yields than last year. American-Pima production is forecast at 808,500 bales, up 6 percent from last year. American-Pima harvested area is expected to total 293,000 acres, down 9 percent from 2006.

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