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Arizona All Cotton Forecast Down 9 Percent From 2006

Arizona's upland cotton harvested acreage is estimated at 178,000 acres, down 5 percent from a year ago. As of September 1, yield is forecast at 1,375 pounds per acre, 45 pounds less than in 2006. Production is forecast at 510,000 bales, down 8 percent from last year. Cotton bolls have opened on 60 percent of the acreage as of September 2, the same as the 5-year average. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good.

American-Pima cotton harvested area, at 3,000 acres, is 4,000 acres less than last year's 7,000 acres. Production is expected to total 5,500 bales, a decrease of 7,900 bales from a year ago. Pima yield, expected at 880 pounds per acre, is down 39 pounds from a year ago. All cotton production is forecast at 515,500 bales, 9 percent lower than the previous year.

For the United States, all Cotton production is forecast at 17.8 million 480-pound bales, up 3 percent from last month but down 17 percent from last year's 21.6 million bales. Yield is expected to average 811 pounds per harvested acre, up 28 pounds from last month but down 3 pounds from 2006. Harvested area is expected to total 10.5 million acres of all cotton, down 1 percent from last month and down 17 percent from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 17.0 million 480-pound bales, up 3 percent from last month but down 18 percent from last year. Compared with last month, lower upland production forecasts in the Delta and Southeast were offset by the 15 percent increase in Texas production to 7.00 million 480-pound bales. American-Pima production is forecast at 793,000 bales, down 2 percent from last month but up 4 percent from last year. American-Pima harvested area is expected to total 289,000 acres, down 1 percent from last month and down 11 percent from 2006.

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