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ARIZONA UPLAND COTTON PRODUCTION LESS THAN LAST YEAR

Phoenix – Arizona's upland cotton harvested acreage is estimated at 178,000 acres, down 5 percent from a year ago. As of October 1, yield is forecast at 1,429 pounds per acre, 9 pounds higher than last year. Production is forecast at 530,000 bales, down 5 percent from last year. Cotton bolls have opened on 95 percent of the acreage, just behind the 5-year average of 96 percent. Cotton condition remains mostly fair to good.

American-Pima cotton harvested area is estimated at 3,000 acres, 4,000 less than last year. Production is expected to total 5,500 bales, down 7,900 bales from 2006. Pima yield, expected at 880 pounds per acre, is down 39 pounds from a year ago.

The U.S. All Cotton production is forecast at 18.2 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from last month but down 16 percent from last year's 21.6 million bales. Yield is expected to average 826 pounds per harvested acre, up 15 pounds from last month and up 12 pounds from 2006. If realized, the yield will be the third largest on record. Harvested area of all cotton is expected to total 10.5 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 17 percent from last year.

Arizona's alfalfa hay production during 2007 is expected to total 2.08 million tons, the same as last year. Yields are forecasts at 8.30 tons per acre, also the same as in 2006. Pecan production is forecast at 23.0 million pounds, up 64 percent from a year ago. The 2007 crop is expected to be larger than last year's mainly because it is an up year in the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans.

Arizona's 2007-08 citrus utilization is forecast as follows: navel oranges: 200,000 boxes, same as last season; Valencia oranges: 100,000 boxes, same as last season; grapefruit: 200,000 boxes, up 100 percent; tangerines and tangelos: 400,000 boxes, up 33 percent; and lemons: 1.50 million boxes, down 40 percent. The freeze in January resulted in lower fruit set and smaller sized fruit in the lemon crop.

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