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DURUM WHEAT PRODUCTION EXPECTED TO INCREASE

Phoenix – In its first production forecast of the 2008 season, the Arizona office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service forecast the State’s Durum wheat crop at 413,000 tons, up 74 percent from the 2007 crop. Area for harvest is estimated at 145,000 acres, yielding an average of 5,700 pounds per acre.

Final figures on Arizona’s 2007 cotton crop show area planted to upland varieties totaled 170,000 acres with 168,000 acres harvested. The average yield per acre, at 1,469 pounds per acre, is the highest yield ever recorded, surpassing the previous record high yield of 1,458 from the 2004 crop. Production totaled 514,000 bales, 8 percent less than last year. Pima cotton was planted and harvested from 2,500 acres, 4,500 acres less than last year. Yields averaged 883 pounds per acre, a decrease of 36 pounds from the previous season. Final Pima production totaled 4,600 bales, 8,800 less bales than a year ago. Total cottonseed production was estimated at 182,800 tons, down 15 percent from 2006.

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