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CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 1, 2023

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 261,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 10 percent from the November 1 forecast but down 15 percent from last year.

Harvested area of **upland cotton** is estimated at 75,000 acres, unchanged from last month but down 11,000 acres from 2022. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 230,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 18 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,472 pounds per acre, up 192 pounds from the November 1 forecast but down 91 pounds from last year. As of November 26, producers had harvested 70 percent of the upland cotton crop, compared with 67 percent last year and a 5-year average of 72 percent. **Pima cotton** harvested area, forecast at 16,000 acres, is unchanged from last month but up 1,600 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 31,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 28,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 930 pounds per acre, down 180 pounds from the November 1 forecast and 3 pounds below last year.

Pecan production in Arizona for 2023 is forecast at 42.00 million pounds, up 7 percent from the 2022 season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 12.8 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from the previous forecast and down 12 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 765 pounds per harvested acre, down 18 pounds from the previous forecast and down 185 pounds from 2022. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 12.4 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from the previous forecast and down 11 percent from 2022. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 331,000 bales, down 6 percent from the previous forecast and down 30 percent from 2022. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 8.02 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2022.

Pecan production is forecast at 252 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 9 percent from 2022. Improved varieties are expected to produce 238 million pounds or 95 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 13.2 million pounds, making up the remaining 5 percent of production.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.