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**SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS
OCTOBER YIELD SURVEY**

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OCTOBER 2006 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **OCTOBER YIELD SURVEY** conducted the last week of September and the first week of October. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,

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Director

NEW MEXICO: **Corn for grain** production forecast remains at 9 million bushels, compared to 9.6 million in 2005. Harvested acreage is still forecasted at 50,000 acres with yields averaging 180.0 bushels. **Upland cotton** yields were forecast at 979 pounds per acre. Producers were still expecting to harvest 50,000 acres. **American-Pima** yields were forecast at 775 pounds per acre and producers were expecting to harvest 13,000 acres. **Sorghum for grain** production was forecast at 2.8 million bushels with yields at 35.0 bushels per acre and an expected harvest of 80,000 acres. **Peanut** production is forecast to reach 56.0 million pounds with yields averaging 3,500 pounds per acres and harvested acreage is forecast at 16,000 acres. **Dry edible bean** production was forecast at 181,000 pounds, with a forecast of 8,600 harvested acres.

UNITED STATES: **Corn for grain** based on administrative data, acreage updates were made in several States bringing total corn planted acres to 78.6 million acres, down 1 percent from June and 4 percent lower than 2005. **All cotton** production is forecast at 20.7 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from last month but down 14 percent from last year's record high production. Yield is expected to average 774 pounds per acre, up 12 pounds from last month but down 57 pounds from last year. The October harvested area is expected to total 12.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 7 percent from 2005. The higher production forecast is a result of better than expected yields throughout the Delta and parts of the Southeast. **Upland cotton** harvested area, at 12.5 million acres, is unchanged from last month but down 8 percent from last year. **American-Pima** harvested acres are unchanged from last month but are up 21 percent from last year. **Sorghum** production is forecast at 301 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month and down 24 percent from last year. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 5.32 million acres, a slight increase from September but down 7 percent from last year. **Peanut**

production is forecast at 3.27 billion pounds, down 33 percent from last year's crop but up 2 percent from last month. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.21 million acres, unchanged from September but down 26 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 2,693 pounds per acre, up 53 pounds from last month but down 296 pounds from 2005. U.S. **dry edible bean** production is forecast at 23.8 million cwt for 2006, up 2 percent from the August forecast but 13 percent below last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 1.56 million acres, 3 percent above the August forecast but less than 1 percent below last year. **Alfalfa** production is forecast at 74.5 million tons, up 5 percent from the August forecast but down 2 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.33 tons per acre, up 0.15 ton from August but down 0.05 ton from 2005. Harvested area is forecast at 22.4 million acres, unchanged from August but slightly above the previous year's acreage.

October 2006 Crop Summary: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, 2005 and Forecasted October 1, 2006

| Crop | Unit | Area Harvested | | Yield Per Acre | | Production | |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|------------|
| | | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 |
| | | -----1,000 Acres----- | | -----Units----- | | -----1,000 Units----- | |
| NEW MEXICO | | | | | | | |
| Corn for Grain | Bu. | 55 | 50 | 175.0 | 180.0 | 9,625 | 9,000 |
| All Cotton ^{1/2/} | Lb. | 62.5 | 63.0 | 998 | 937 | 130.0 | 123.0 |
| Upland Cotton ^{1/2/} | Lb. | 51.0 | 50.0 | 1,016 | 979 | 108.0 | 102.0 |
| A-P Cotton ^{1/2/} | Lb. | 11.5 | 13.0 | 918 | 775 | 22.0 | 21.0 |
| Sorghum for Grain | Bu. | 97 | 80 | 45.0 | 35.0 | 4,365 | 2,800 |
| Peanuts | Lb. | 19.0 | 16.0 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 66,500 | 56,000 |
| Dry Edible Beans ^{3/4/} | Lb. | 6.3 | 8.6 | 2,200 | 2,100 | 139 | 181 |
| Alfalfa, Hay | Ton | 240 | 220 | 5.10 | 5.00 | 1,224 | 1,100 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | | |
| Corn for Grain | Bu. | 75,107 | 71,047 | 147.9 | 153.5 | 11,112,720 | 10,905,194 |
| All Cotton ^{1/2/} | Lb. | 13,802.6 | 12,816.0 | 831 | 774 | 23,890.2 | 20,659.0 |
| Upland Cotton ^{1/2/} | Lb. | 13,534.0 | 12,492.0 | 825 | 763 | 23,259.7 | 19,855.0 |
| A-P Cotton ^{1/2/} | Lb. | 268.6 | 324.0 | 1,127 | 1,191 | 630.5 | 804.0 |
| Sorghum for Grain | Bu. | 5,736 | 5,319 | 68.7 | 56.6 | 393,893 | 301,217 |
| Peanuts | Lb. | 1,629.0 | 1,213.0 | 2,989 | 2,693 | 4,869,860 | 3,266,600 |
| Dry Edible Beans ^{3/4/} | Lb. | 1,568.6 | 1,562.4 | 1,744 | 1,523 | 27,350 | 23,800 |
| Alfalfa, Hay | Ton | 22,389 | 22,407 | 3.38 | 3.33 | 75,771 | 74,527 |

^{1/} Production ginned and to be ginned. ^{2/} Production in 480-Lb. Net weight bales. ^{3/} Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast. ^{4/} Production in cwt.