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On: TEXAS COTTON PRODUCTION
UP 40 PERCENT FROM 2006

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AUSTIN . . . Texas Upland cotton production for 2007 is expected to total 8.1 million bales, up 40 percent from 2006 and unchanged from forecast last month, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

Objective yield measurements in Texas for December show boll counts and boll weights to be the largest on record, reported State Director Dave Abbe. Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 4.7 million acres, 15 percent greater than last year. Yield is expected to average 827 pounds per acre compared with 679 pounds last year, and unchanged from the November forecast.

Production on the Southern High Plains is estimated to total 4.13 million bales, up 65 percent from last year's production. Average yield, at 799 pounds per acre, is 162 pounds greater than a year ago.

The Northern High Plains crop, estimated at 1.17 million bales, is 26 percent less than last year. In the Low Plains, production is estimated at 1.21 million bales, 180 percent greater than last year.

United States Upland cotton production is forecast at a record 18.2 million bales, down 13 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the November forecast. Yield is expected to average 850 pounds per acre compared with 806 pounds in 2006. Harvested acreage is estimated at 10.3 million acres, 17 percent less than a year ago.

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TEXAS UPLAND COTTON DISTRICT ESTIMATES, 2006 AND 2007 ^{1/}

Districts	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 bales</i>	
1-N	994.7	590.0	850.1	540.0	889	1,040	1,575.2	1,170.0
1-S	2,883.2	2,600.0	1,880.4	2,480.0	637	799	2,497.1	4,130.0
2-N	426.3	340.0	251.2	340.0	497	720	260.2	510.0
2-S	548.0	440.0	265.6	440.0	311	764	171.9	700.0
4	157.9	85.0	156.5	85.0	482	791	157.0	140.0
7	189.0	160.0	92.8	155.0	679	960	131.2	310.0
8-N	109.2	60.0	58.7	55.0	885	916	108.2	105.0
8-S	455.8	300.0	147.1	295.0	716	887	219.4	545.0
9	236.6	150.0	228.5	145.0	881	695	419.2	210.0
10-N	38.5	-	37.1	-	715	-	55.3	-
10-S	266.2	100.0	85.4	95.0	687	758	122.3	150.0
Other districts	94.6	75.0	46.6	70.0	855	891	83.0	130.0
STATE	6,400.0	4,900.0	4,100.0	4,700.0	679	827	5,800.0	8,100.0

^{1/} Preliminary, December, 2007.

