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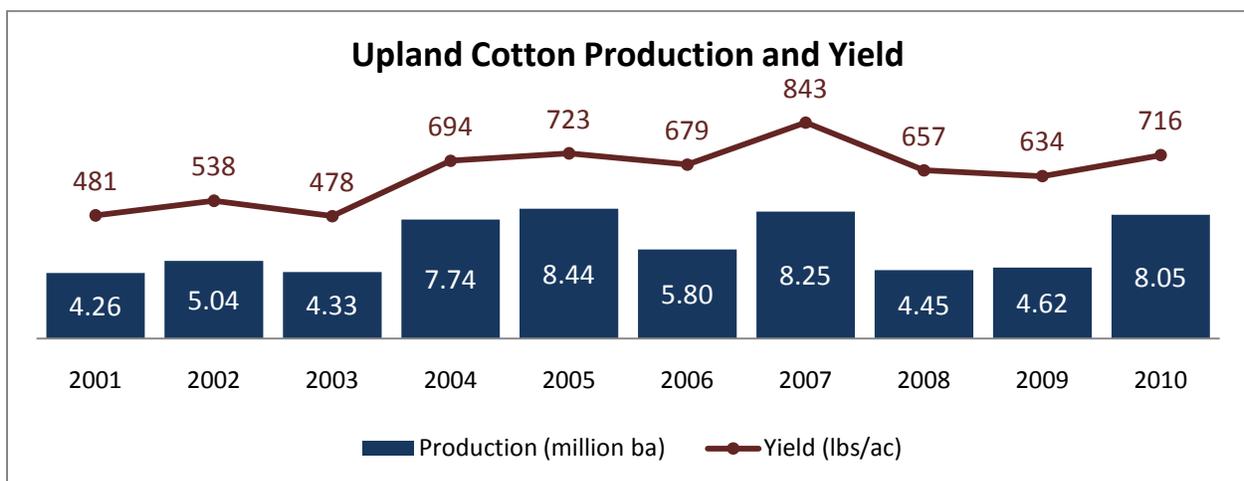
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Texas Upland Cotton Production Estimated at 8.05 Million Bales

The 2010 Texas **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 8.05 million bales, 3 percent less than last month but 74 percent more than in 2009. Yield is expected to average 716 pounds per acre, a reduction of 22 pounds from last month, but 82 pounds more than last year. Objective yield data show boll weight to be the lowest since 2005. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 5.4 million acres, up 54 percent from 2009.

Production on the Southern High Plains is estimated to total 4.01 million bales, up 55 percent from last year's production. Average yield, at 678 pounds per acre, is 36 pounds more than a year ago. Acreage expected for harvest in the Southern High Plains is at 2.84 million acres, an increase of 911,000 acres from last year.

The Northern High Plains crop, estimated at 1.53 million bales, is 67 percent more than last year. Average yield, at 966 pounds per acre, is 86 pounds more than a year ago. Acreage expected for harvest in the Northern High Plains is at 760,000 acres, an increase of 259,000 acres from 2009. In the Low Plains, production is estimated at 1.0 million bales, 50 percent more than last year. Average yield at 545 pounds per acre, is 83 pounds more than a year ago. The Low Plains expects to harvest 880,000 acres, up 187,000 acres from 2009.



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U.S. Highlights: United States **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 17.8 million 480-pound bales, down 1 percent from last month but 51 percent above 2009. Producers in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas are expecting decreased yields from last month. Upland cotton harvested area, at 10.6 million acres, is unchanged from last month but up 43 percent from last year.

Cotton survey procedures: *Objective yield surveys were conducted between November 24 and December 1 to gather information on expected yields as of December 1. The objective yield survey for cotton was conducted in producing States that usually account for approximately 75 percent of the United States production. At crop maturity, the fruit is harvested and weighed. After the farm operator has harvested the sample field, another plot is sampled to obtain current year harvesting loss.*

Cotton estimating procedures: *National and State level objective yield estimates for cotton were reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates. For cotton, reports from cotton ginner in each State were also considered. Each cotton State Field Office submits its analysis of the current situation to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB). The ASB uses the survey data and the State analyses to prepare the published December 1 forecast.*

Revision policy: *The December 1 production forecasts will not be revised. For cotton, a new estimate will be made in January followed by end-of-season revisions in May. Administrative records are reviewed and revisions are made, if data relationships warrant changes. Harvested acres may be revised any time a production forecast is made; if there is strong evidence that the intended harvested area has changed since the last estimate.*

Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProd//2010s/2010/CropProd-12-10-2010.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov

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Texas District Estimates 2009 and 2010 ¹

Upland Cotton	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production ²	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
<i>District</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>1,000 bales ³</i>	<i>1,000 bales ³</i>
1 - N	600.0	810.0	501.0	760.0	880.0	966.0	918.0	1,530.0
1 - S	2,667.0	2,950.0	1,929.0	2,840.0	642.0	678.0	2,579.0	4,010.0
2 - N	340.5	375.0	286.0	370.0	594.0	584.0	354.0	450.0
2 - S	509.0	515.0	407.0	510.0	369.0	518.0	313.0	550.0
4	62.5	110.0	56.7	105.0	477.0	686.0	56.3	150.0
7	176.0	200.0	136.2	195.0	579.0	615.0	164.2	250.0
8 - N	51.5	55.0	24.2	53.0	712.0	996.0	35.9	110.0
8 - S	338.0	280.0	16.7	275.0	356.0	890.0	12.4	510.0
9	90.5	136.0	77.4	130.0	526.0	775.0	84.8	210.0
10 - S	74.7	95.0	23.2	90.0	602.0	800.0	29.1	150.0
Other Districts	90.3	74.0	42.6	72.0	826.0	867.0	73.3	130.0
State	5,000.0	5,600.0	3,500.0	5,400.0	634.0	716.0	4,620.0	8,050.0

¹ Preliminary, December 2010. ² Production ginned & to be ginned. ³ 480 lb. net weight bale.