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COTTON

Arizona all cotton production as of November 1 is forecast at 750,300 bales, slightly below the October 1 forecast, but 2 percent above the final 1999 production. Acres for harvest, at 285,000, is up 7,100 acres from 1999. All cotton yield, at 1,264 pounds per acre, is down 1 pound from last year.

Arizona's 279,000 acres of upland cotton for harvest are expected to produce 740,000 bales, unchanged from last month, but 24,000 bales above last year. The crop is expected to yield 1,273 pounds per acre, down 5 pounds from last year. California upland cotton is forecast at 2.05 million bales, up 30 percent from a year earlier.

Arizona's 6,000 acres of American-Pima cotton for harvest are expected to produce 10,300 bales, down 300 bales from last month and down 6,000 bales from the 1999 production. This year's crop is expected to yield 824 pounds per acre, 55 pounds per acre less than last year. California American-Pima is forecast at 370,000 bales, down 39 percent from a year earlier.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 17.5 million 480-pound bales, up marginally from last month, and up three percent from 1999. Yield is expected to average 622 pounds per harvested acre, up two pounds from last month. Lower production forecasts in Texas, Georgia, and Missouri were more than offset by increased production forecasts in Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. On October 29, U.S. harvest was 67 percent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 59 percent.

Upland cotton harvested acreage, at 13.3 million acres, is down slightly from the October forecast, but two percent above 1999. Tennessee reduced 25,000 harvested acres due to administrative data. All other States remained unchanged from the previous month. American-Pima harvested acreage, at 172,000 acres, is unchanged from October, but down 40 percent from last year. As of October 29, U.S. harvest was 67 percent complete, 7 percentage points ahead of 1999 and 8 points ahead of the 5-year average.

In the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia), October harvest activities lagged behind the 5-year average in the Carolinas and Virginia. Progress was near normal in Georgia, and slightly ahead of the 5-year average in Alabama. Delays were the result of slow development throughout the season due to persistent below-normal temperatures, wet fields early in October, and concentration on peanut threshing before cotton harvest. As of October 29, North

Carolina reported 43 percent harvested, South Carolina reported 55 percent, Virginia at 31 percent, Alabama 80 percent and Georgia reported 59 percent harvested.

Harvest of the cotton crop progressed well ahead of average in the Delta States (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee) due to a quickly maturing crop, coupled with dry harvest conditions throughout the fall. Louisiana growers were finished picking cotton by October 29, while harvest neared completion in the other Delta States. As of October 29, Arkansas reported 94 percent of their cotton acreage harvested, Mississippi 97 percent, Tennessee and Missouri reported 96 and 95 percent, respectively.

Producers in the Southwestern States (Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) remained well ahead of average harvest progress, despite widespread rains during the second half of October. Harvest began early due to a rapidly maturing crop and was aided by a light to killing frost in early October. As of October 29, Oklahoma reported 62 percent of its cotton acreage harvested, Texas 54 percent. Additional acreage may be abandoned due to the lack of moisture during the growing season.

Despite rain delays throughout the month of October, upland cotton harvest in California and Arizona progressed ahead of average. Above-average temperatures throughout most of the season aided crop development and allowed harvest to begin on or ahead of normal. As of October 29, Arizona reported 55 percent of its upland cotton acreage harvested. This was 8 percentage points ahead of the 5 year average. California reported 60 percent harvested, nineteen points ahead of average. Heavy rains in some areas may have an adverse affect on cotton quality.

American-Pima production is forecast at 415,800 bales, down 38 percent from last year's output, but up 9,700 bales from October. The U.S. yield is forecast at 1,160 pounds per harvested acre, up 32 pounds from 1999. California's production is up 10,000 bales from the October forecast, while Arizona's production is down 300 bales. New Mexico and Texas forecasts are unchanged from last month. Harvest progressed ahead of average in California, despite scattered rainfall throughout the month of October.

Ginnings totaled 9,220,600 running bales prior to November 1, compared with 8,262,850 running bales ginned prior to the same date last year and 7,358,850 running bales in 1998.

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COTTON: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

STATE	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production 1/	
	1999	2000	1999	Oct 1, 2000	Forecasted Nov 1, 2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Acres		Pounds			1,000 Bales 2/	
Upland							
AL	561.0	540.0	535	489	489	625.0	550.0
AZ	269.0	279.0	1,278	1,273	1,273	716.0	740.0
AR	960.0	950.0	714	728	738	1,428.0	1,460.0
CA	605.0	765.0	1,254	1,286	1,286	1,580.0	2,050.0
GA	1,300.0	1,300.0	579	598	594	1,567.0	1,610.0
LA	610.0	700.0	709	631	638	901.0	930.0
MS	1,180.0	1,280.0	704	638	656	1,731.0	1,750.0
MO	377.0	400.0	601	696	660	472.0	550.0
NM	79.0	85.0	662	734	734	109.0	130.0
NC	825.0	930.0	475	723	748	816.0	1,450.0
OK	150.0	200.0	461	444	444	144.0	185.0
SC	315.0	310.0	428	604	604	281.0	390.0
TN	565.0	570.0	505	565	606	595.0	720.0
TX	5,100.0	4,800.0	475	440	430	5,050.0	4,300.0
VA	108.0	109.0	635	700	722	142.8	164.0
Oth Sts 3/	134.0	129.0	487	428	428	135.9	115.0
US	13,138.0	13,347.0	595	613	615	16,293.7	17,094.0
American-Pima							
AZ	8.9	6.0	879	848	824	16.3	10.3
CA	239.0	144.0	1,210	1,200	1,233	602.7	370.0
NM	7.0	6.0	734	680	680	10.7	8.5
TX	32.0	16.0	669	810	810	44.6	27.0
US	286.9	172.0	1,128	1,133	1,160	674.3	415.8

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ 480-lb net weight bales.

3/ Other States include FL and KS. Individual State level forecasts will be published in the "January Crop Production" report.

COTTONSEED: PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

STATE	Production		
	1998	1999	2000 1/
	1,000 Tons		
US	5,365.4	6,353.5	6,558.2

1/ Based on a 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

COTTON GINNINGS: RUNNING BALES GINNED (EXCLUDING LINTERS) PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1, 2000

CROP AND STATE	Running Bales Ginned			
	1997	1998	1999	2000
All Cotton				
AL	179,700	350,200	348,200	362,150
AZ	298,750	114,750	177,750	244,450
AR	929,100	1,018,950	1,154,850	1,145,800
CA	1,146,700	160,900	516,800	779,550
FL	32,800	32,450	46,400	45,250
GA	580,800	525,300	501,300	535,950
LA	814,200	580,400	807,950	837,650
MS	1,138,050	1,262,150	1,417,550	1,512,700
MO	340,300	281,800	415,200	423,250
NM	22,300	14,000	13,650	27,000
NC	201,900	544,000	103,400	408,650
OK	54,600	75,050	52,500	78,100
SC	112,250	213,350	80,000	151,100
TN	408,850	451,650	484,750	613,500
TX	1,646,150	1,640,700	2,118,800	2,017,250
VA	23,650	93,200	23,750	38,250
US	7,930,100	7,358,850	8,262,850	9,220,600
American-Pima				
AZ 1/	16,150	2,900		
CA	127,100	35,150	67,000	87,500
NM 1/	2,850			
TX 1/	13,550		5,000	6,350
US	159,650	40,250	77,150	98,400

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

CORN FOR GRAIN

Acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 73.0 million acres, unchanged from last month and up 4 percent from 1999. The November 1 Corn Objective Yield data indicate record level stalk and ear counts for the combined seven objective yield States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin). The previous records for stalks and ears per acre were set in 1999.

As of October 29, eighty-seven percent of the crop was harvested in the 18 major corn-producing States. This compares with 85 percent last year and 73 percent for the 5-year average. The harvest advanced ahead of last year's rapid pace, and more than one week ahead of the 5-year average, as mostly dry weather aided progress in the Corn Belt and northern Great Plains. Harvest progressed far ahead of normal in the western Corn Belt during the first half of the month, especially in Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska. However, progress remained behind normal in the eastern Corn Belt and North Dakota until mid-month when near-record warmth accelerated ripening.

In Iowa, forecasted stalk and ear counts are the highest on record. The corn crop was 96 percent harvested as of October 29, 4 points ahead of 1999's pace and well ahead of the average of 74 percent.

Forecasted stalk and ear counts are also at a record high for Illinois and Indiana when compared to final levels. Ninety-four percent of the

Illinois crop was harvested compared with 91 percent in 1999 and the average of 80 percent. In Indiana, 78 percent of the corn was harvested, behind 91 percent in 1999, but ahead of the average of 69 percent. Rain showers occasionally delayed harvest in both States, but most delays were brief.

In Nebraska, forecasted stalk and ear counts are at record high levels while Minnesota stalk and ear counts are the second highest. Ninety-four percent of the Nebraska acreage was harvested, ahead of 83 percent for last year and well ahead of the average of 68 percent. Ninety-three percent of the Minnesota acreage was harvested, ahead of both last year and the average. Harvest progressed far ahead of normal during the first half of the month.

Forecasted stalk and ear counts in Ohio are the third highest on record behind 1998 and 1999, respectively. Fifty-two percent of the corn was harvested, behind last year and the average of 77 and 53 percent, respectively. Slow ripening limited the harvest pace during October.

Wisconsin objective yield data indicate the second highest stalk and ear counts on record behind 1999. Sixty-four percent of the crop was harvested by the end of October, behind the 78 percent harvested in 1999, but ahead of the average of 55 percent. Fields quickly ripened despite cold, early-month temperatures.

CORN FOR GRAIN: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

STATE	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	1999	2000	1999	Oct 1, 2000	Forecasted Nov 1, 2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Acres		Bushels			1,000 Bushels	
AL	200	160	103.0	70.0	68.0	20,600	10,880
AR	100	185	130.0	125.0	125.0	13,000	23,125
CA	205	235	165.0	170.0	170.0	33,825	39,950
CO	1,120	1,180	142.0	135.0	135.0	159,040	159,300
DE	154	154	89.0	165.0	165.0	13,706	25,410
GA	300	340	103.0	100.0	103.0	30,900	35,020
IL	10,650	11,050	140.0	155.0	153.0	1,491,000	1,690,650
IN	5,670	5,550	132.0	151.0	147.0	748,440	815,850
IA	11,800	12,000	149.0	148.0	146.0	1,758,200	1,752,000
KS	2,980	3,250	141.0	128.0	128.0	420,180	416,000
KY	1,180	1,310	105.0	130.0	130.0	123,900	170,300
LA	330	340	121.0	108.0	108.0	39,930	36,720
MD	360	400	93.0	155.0	155.0	33,480	62,000
MI	1,950	1,950	130.0	128.0	124.0	253,500	241,800
MN	6,600	6,600	150.0	152.0	148.0	990,000	976,800
MS	310	380	117.0	104.0	104.0	36,270	39,520
MO	2,550	2,850	97.0	144.0	145.0	247,350	413,250
NE	8,300	8,050	139.0	127.0	125.0	1,153,700	1,006,250
NJ	60	75	37.0	128.0	128.0	2,220	9,600
NM	83	75	180.0	170.0	165.0	14,940	12,375
NY	590	530	101.0	106.0	108.0	59,590	57,240
NC	640	660	80.0	110.0	112.0	51,200	73,920
ND	655	950	117.0	116.0	118.0	76,635	112,100
OH	3,200	3,300	126.0	152.0	149.0	403,200	491,700
OK	310	290	145.0	130.0	130.0	44,950	37,700
PA	880	1,050	70.0	129.0	129.0	61,600	135,450
SC	275	280	70.0	70.0	70.0	19,250	19,600
SD	3,250	3,950	113.0	108.0	108.0	367,250	426,600
TN	570	590	102.0	109.0	112.0	58,140	66,080
TX	1,770	1,850	129.0	132.0	128.0	228,330	236,800
VA	280	300	78.0	140.0	140.0	21,840	42,000
WA	100	95	180.0	185.0	185.0	18,000	17,575
WI	2,850	2,750	143.0	136.0	132.0	407,550	363,000
Oth Sts 1/	265	280	134.4	134.2	133.5	35,621	37,377
US	70,537	73,009	133.8	139.6	137.7	9,437,337	10,053,942

1/ Other states include AZ, FL, ID, MT, OR, UT, WV, and WY.

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Prices Received Index down 6 points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in October was 92 based on 1990-92=100, down 6 points (6.1 percent) from the September index. Higher prices for corn, wheat, tomatoes, and eggs were offset by decreases in prices for lettuce, broilers, soybeans, and sweet corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of milk, grapes, wheat, and tobacco more than offset the higher marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed. These marketing changes accounted for four points of the October index decrease.

Compared with October 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 1 point (1.1 percent) higher. Price increases from October 1999 for

hogs, eggs, tomatoes, and cotton were partially offset by lower prices for milk, oranges, soybeans, and broilers.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 121 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was up 1 point (0.8 percent) from September and 5 points (4.3 percent) above October 1999. Higher prices in October for feeder cattle, feed concentrates, feed grains, and complete feeds more than offset lower prices for gasoline and potash and phosphate materials.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., OCTOBER 1999 AND 2000 AND SEPTEMBER 2000

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		October 1999 Entire Month	September 2000 Entire Month	October 2000 Mid-Month	October 1999 Entire Month	September 2000 Entire Month	October 2000 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	46.8	2/	2/	45.9	50.6	52.5
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.58	2.44	2.70
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.17	2.32	2.61
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.47	2.37	2.66
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	84.00	90.00	92.00	73.70	82.70	85.20
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	85.00	90.00	92.00	76.00	87.20	89.70
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	65.00	88.00	90.00	64.70	67.80	70.20
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	39.00	32.40	30.20	37.20	32.10	28.70
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	30.60	35.50	33.50	33.80	37.20	35.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	69.40	64.30	67.60	70.10	68.60	69.80
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	67.80	64.00	67.30	66.20	65.30	66.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	86.30	98.60	99.00	91.90	103.00	103.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	14.40	12.40	12.10	15.00	12.80	12.60

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	1999		2000	
	September	October	September	October
Prices Received	96	91	98	92
Prices Paid	115	116	120	121
Ratio 1/	83	78	82	76

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.