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COTTON

Arizona's 211,900 acres of all cotton for harvest are expected to produce 569,000 bales, 10 percent below last year's production of 630,300 bales.

Arizona's Upland crop is estimated at 560,000 bales, harvested from 208,000 acres, unchanged from the November forecast, but 9 percent below the 2002 crop. As of December 1, yield was estimated at 1,292 pounds per acre, a decrease of 89 pounds from last year.

Arizona's American-Pima yield is forecasted at 1,108 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month, but 95 pounds more than last year. Production would be 9,000 bales, compared to 17,300 last year. Harvested acres is estimated at 3,900, compared to 8,200 last year.

The California Upland crop was forecast at 1.5 million bales, up 3 percent from the 2002 crop, but down 3 percent from last month. California's Pima expected crop of 370,000 bales was down 10,000 bales from the November forecast and down 39 percent from a year earlier.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 18.2 million bales, unchanged from November and 6 percent more than last year's production. Yield is expected to average 722 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month and up 57 pounds from last year.

Upland cotton harvested acreage, at 11.9 million acres, is down 2 percent from last year, but unchanged from November. Production was up slightly from last month. American-Pima harvested acreage, at 168,400 acres, is down 31 percent from 2002. American-Pima production is forecast at 432,000 bales, down 33 percent from 2002 and down 10,000 bales from the November forecast. Yield is indicated at 1,231 pounds per harvested acre, down 111 pounds from last year.

COTTON: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION BY TYPE, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 2002 AND FORECASTED DECEMBER 1, 2003

Type and State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production 1/	
	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003
				Nov 1	Dec 1		
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Bales 2/	1,000 Bales 2/
Upland							
AL	540.0	510.0	507	772	772	570.0	820.0
AZ	213.0	208.0	1,381	1,292	1,292	613.0	560.0
AR	920.0	940.0	871	909	909	1,669.0	1,780.0
CA	477.0	555.0	1,469	1,341	1,297	1,460.0	1,500.0
GA	1,360.0	1,290.0	557	800	800	1,578.0	2,150.0
LA	495.0	520.0	717	895	942	739.0	1,020.0
MS	1,150.0	1,100.0	808	916	916	1,935.0	2,100.0
MO	368.0	390.0	796	825	849	610.0	690.0
NM	50.0	42.0	816	857	857	85.0	75.0
NC	920.0	770.0	421	686	686	806.0	1,100.0
OK	180.0	170.0	557	565	536	209.0	190.0
SC	200.0	217.0	314	730	730	131.0	330.0
TN	530.0	535.0	741	772	772	818.0	860.0
TX	4,500.0	4,400.0	538	458	458	5,040.0	4,200.0
VA	98.0	85.0	465	734	734	95.0	130.0
Oth Sts 3/	183.0	207.0	452	645	645	172.3	278.0
US	12,184.0	11,939.0	651	715	715	16,530.3	17,783.0
Amer-Pima							
AZ	8.2	3.9	1,013	1,108	1,108	17.3	9.0
CA	209.0	139.0	1,386	1,312	1,278	603.3	370.0
NM	7.1	6.0	1,041	1,040	1,040	15.4	13.0
TX	18.3	19.5	1,110	985	985	42.3	40.0
US	242.6	168.4	1,342	1,260	1,231	678.3	432.0

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ 480-Lb. net weight bales.

3/ Other States include FL and KS. Individual State level estimates will be published in the "Crop Production 2003 Summary."

CITRUS FRUITS: UTILIZED PRODUCTION BY CROP, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 2001-2002, 2002-2003 AND FORECASTED DECEMBER 1, 2003 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production Boxes		
	2001-02 <i>1,000 Boxes 2/</i>	2002-03 <i>1,000 Boxes 2/</i>	2003-04 <i>1,000 Boxes 2/</i>
Oranges			
Early Mid & Navel 3/			
AZ 4/	270	200	220
CA 4/	32,000	41,000	39,000
FL	128,000	112,000	134,000
TX 4/	1,530	1,350	1,300
US	161,800	154,550	174,520
Valencia			
AZ 4/	250	270	250
CA 4/	19,500	21,000	20,000
FL	102,000	91,000	118,000
TX 4/	210	220	250
US	121,960	112,490	138,500
All			
AZ 4/	520	470	470
CA 4/	51,500	62,000	59,000
FL	230,000	203,000	252,000
TX 4/	1,740	1,570	1,550
US	283,760	267,040	313,020
Grapefruit			
All			
AZ 4/	160	130	90
CA 4/	5,900	5,600	5,500
FL	46,700	38,700	41,000
TX 4/	5,900	5,650	5,300
US	58,660	50,080	51,890
Tangerines			
AZ 4/ 5/	620	430	600
CA 4/ 5/	2,200	2,500	2,500
FL 6/	6,600	5,500	6,700
US	9,420	8,430	9,800
Lemons			
AZ 4/	2,800	3,000	3,000
CA 4/	18,300	24,000	23,000
US	21,100	27,000	26,000

1/ The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year.

2/ Net lbs. per box: Oranges-AZ and CA-75, FL-90, TX-85; Grapefruit-AZ and CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; Lemons-76; Tangelos, Temples-90; Tangerines-AZ and CA-75, FL-95.

3/ Navel and miscellaneous varieties in AZ and CA. Early (including Navel) and mid-season varieties in FL and TX. Small quantities of tangerines in TX.

4/ Estimates for current year carried forward from previous forecast.

5/ Includes tangelos & tangors.

6/ 2001-02 includes Robinson, Fallglo, Sunburst, Dancy, and Honey varieties; 2002-03 through 2003-04 includes Fallglo, Sunburst, and Honey varieties only.

PECANS: UTILIZED PRODUCTION BY CROP, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 2001-2002 AND FORECASTED DECEMBER 1, 2003

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	2001 <i>1,000 Pounds</i>	2002 <i>1,000 Pounds</i>	2003 <i>1,000 Pounds</i>
All Pecans			
AL	15,000	5,000	8,000
AZ	21,000	16,000	23,500
AR 1/	2,600	1,700	3,300
CA 1/	3,700	3,800	3,700
FL 1/	3,300	1,400	2,100
GA	110,000	45,000	60,000
KS 1/	2,200	2,900	2,300
LA	14,000	6,000	15,000
MS 1/	4,500	3,000	5,000
NM	60,000	36,000	55,000
NC 1/	3,200	1,900	2,500
OK	20,000	10,000	12,000
SC 1/	4,000	200	1,500
TX	75,000	40,000	70,000
US	338,500	172,900	263,900

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

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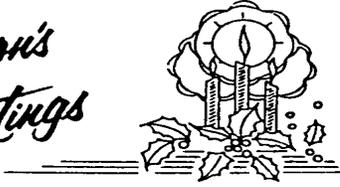
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Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays to all

the growers and agribusinesses of Arizona, and to all the University, State and Federal Agencies that provide services that make our mission a success. We would like to express our gratitude for your support to our survey operations. The real value of timely, accurate and unbiased agricultural statistics is evident in the high demand for our data products by individual farmers and ranchers, ag related industries, educational institutions, and other governmental agencies.

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NOVEMBER FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 4 POINTS FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November is 117, based on 1990-92=100, 4 points (3.5 percent) above the October Index. Both the Livestock and Products Index and the All Crops Index were higher in November. Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Lower prices were received for cotton, hogs, and milk. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of all milk, cotton, cattle, and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of peanuts, soybeans, sunflowers, and potatoes.

This preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 20 points (20.6 percent) from November 2002. The Food Commodities Index increased 5 points (4.3 percent) above last month to 121, and is 25 points (26.0 percent) above November 2002. This index value is the highest since records began in 1975.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 130 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from October but 5 points (4.0 percent) above November 2002. Lower prices in November for feeder cattle, hay and forages, gasoline, and feeder pigs are offset by higher prices for feed grains, feed concentrates, feed supplements, and nitrogen fertilizers.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., NOVEMBER 2002 AND 2003 AND OCTOBER 2003

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		November 2002 Entire Month	October 2003 Entire Month	November 2003 Mid-Month	November 2002 Entire Month	October 2003 Entire Month	November 2003 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	49.1	70.4	2/	41.9	68.0	64.1
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	136.00	158.00	146.00	100.00	104.00	121.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.25	3.45	3.69
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.53	3.90	3.76
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	4.16	3.37	3.64
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	102.00	83.00	83.00	93.60	84.40	80.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	103.00	83.00	83.00	101.00	88.80	88.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	92.00	85.00	80.00	75.40	71.40	64.90
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	13.30	3/	14.10	14.80	18.70	16.40
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	34.60	26.30	24.70	34.20	25.50	25.20
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	22.40	3/	3/	19.60	15.70	18.70
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	27.60	3/	29.90	27.80	17.60	23.00
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	33.00	42.40	42.90	33.00	44.90	46.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	71.00	92.10	88.90	72.00	97.80	99.70
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	70.60	91.60	88.40	67.60	92.00	93.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	94.60	109.00	106.00	88.20	113.00	112.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	11.40	14.50	14.60	11.80	15.00	14.90

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., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 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	2002		2003	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	95	97	113	117
Prices Paid	125	125	130	130
Ratio 1/	76	78	87	90

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