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## ARIZONA'S COTTON PRODUCTION FORECAST INCREASED FROM OCTOBER

**Arizona's** all cotton production as of November 1 is forecast at 666,000 bales, 2 percent higher than the October 1 forecast and 20 percent above the final 2003 production. Acres for harvest, at 239,000, are up 23,600 acres from 2003. All cotton yield, at 1,338 pounds per acre, is up 21 pounds from last year.

**Arizona's** 236,000 acres of upland cotton for harvest are expected to produce 660,000 bales, up 10,000 bales from last month, and 110,000 bales more than last year. The crop is expected to yield 1,342 pounds per acre, up 103 pounds from the previous season. California upland cotton is forecast at 1.75 million bales, up 17 percent from a year earlier.

**Arizona's** 3,000 acres of American-Pima cotton for harvest are expected to produce 6,000 bales, unchanged from last month, but up 1,400 bales from the 2003 production. This year's crop is expected to yield 960 pounds per acre, 40 pounds per acre more than last

year. California American-Pima is forecast at 650,000 bales, up 75 percent from a year earlier.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 22.5 million 480-pound bales, up 5 percent from October and up 23 percent from last year's production. Yield is expected to average a record high 818 pounds per harvested acre, up 36 pounds from last month. If realized, the yield will be 88 pounds above the previous record high yield established in 2003. Record high yields are expected in Arkansas, California, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. Harvested area, at 13.2 million acres, is unchanged from October but 10 percent above 2003.

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