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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS AUGUST YIELD SURVEY

AUGUST 2004 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

AUGUST CROP PRODUCTION

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **AUGUST YIELD SURVEY** conducted the last week of July and the first week of August. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



Dwaine C. Nelson
State Director

NEW MEXICO: **Corn for grain** production is forecast at 8.8 million bushels, up 2.1 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage is up 1,000 acres to 49,000 acres and yields are expected to average 180 bushels per acre. **Upland cotton** producers expect to harvest a total of 120,000 bales, up 71 percent from 2003. Harvested acreage is up 58 percent to 60,000 acres and the anticipated yield is up as well, at 960 pounds per acre. **American-Pima cotton** acreage harvested totaled 8,000 acres, 2,000 more than last year. Yields are expected to be below last year at 840 pounds per acre with a forecasted total production of 14,000 bales. **Sorghum for grain** production is forecast at 3.2 million bushels, up 88 percent from 2003. **Peanut** acreage is down to 16,000 acres this year, compared to 17,000 acres a year ago. Yield is anticipated to be higher in 2004, with an average of 3,000 pounds per acre. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage increased to 240,000 acres. Yield is expected to average 5.3 tons per acre with a total production of 1.3 million tons, up 13 percent from 2003.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, up 8 percent from last year and 22 percent above 2002. **All cotton** production is forecast at 20.2 million 480-pound bales, up 11 percent from last year's 18.3 million bales. The yield is expected to average 727 pounds per harvested acre, down 3 pounds from 2003. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 19.5 million 480-pound bales, 9 percent above 2003. **American-Pima** production is forecast at 703,000 bales, up 63 percent from last year's output. **Sorghum** production is forecast at 465 million bushels, up 13 percent from 2003. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 6.92 million acres, unchanged from June but down 11 percent from last year. Based on August 1

conditions, the yield is forecast at 67.2 bushels per acre, up 14.5 bushels from last year. **Peanut** production is forecast at 4.32 billion pounds, up 4 percent from last year's crop and up 30 percent from 2002. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.35 million acres, unchanged from June but up 3 percent from 2003. Yields are expected to average a record high 3,198 pounds per acre, 39 pounds per acre above last year. Planted acres, at 1.39 million, are unchanged from the June estimate but 3 percent above 2003. **Alfalfa** production is forecast at 77.3 million tons, up 1 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.48 tons per acre, 0.24 tons above last year. Harvested area is 22.2 million acres, down 6 percent from 2003.

August 2004 Crop Summary: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2003 and Forecasted August 1, 2004

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
		-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Units-----		-----1,000 Units-----	
NEW MEXICO							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	48	49	180.0	180.0	8,640	8,820
All Cotton ^{1/2}	Lb.	44.0	68.0	908	946	83.2	134.0
Upland Cotton ^{1/2}	Lb.	38.0	60.0	884	960	70.0	120.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/2}	Lb.	6.0	8.0	1,056	840	13.2	14.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	62	90	27.0	35.0	1,674	3,150
Peanuts	Lb.	17	16	2,700	3,000	45,900	48,000
Alfalfa, Hay	Ton	230	240	4.90	5.30	1,127	1,272
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	Bu.	71,139	73,377	142.2	148.9	10,113,887	10,923,099
All Cotton ^{1/2}	Lb.	12,003.4	13,317.0	730	727	18,255.2	20,183.0
Upland Cotton ^{1/2}	Lb.	11,826.0	13,067.0	723	716	17,822.9	19,480.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/2}	Lb.	177.4	250.0	1,170	1,350	432.3	703.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	7,798	6,916	52.7	67.2	411,237	464,782
Peanuts	Lb.	1,312	1,351	3,159	3,198	4,144,150	4,320,200
Alfalfa, Hay	Ton	23,578	22,226	3.24	3.48	76,307	77,264

^{1/} Production ginned and to be ginned. ^{2/} Yield reported in pounds per acre; production in bales (480 lb. net wt.).