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On: TEXAS COTTON PRODUCTION
DOWN 32 PERCENT FROM 2005

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AUSTIN . . . Texas Upland cotton production for 2006 is expected to total 5.7 million bales, down 32 percent from 2005 and unchanged from forecast last month, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 4.2 million acres, 25 percent less than last year. Yield is expected to average 651 pounds per acre compared with 723 pounds last year, and unchanged from the November forecast.

Production on the Southern High Plains is estimated to total 2.45 million bales, down 41 percent from last year's production. Average yield, at 632 pounds per acre, is 125 pounds less than a year ago.

The Northern High Plains crop, estimated at 1.56 million bales, is 4 percent more than last year. In the Low Plains, production is estimated at 450,000 bales, 59 percent less than last year.

United States Upland cotton production is forecast at a record 20.57 million bales, down 12 percent from last year and virtually unchanged from the November forecast. Yield is expected to average 790 pounds per acre compared with 825 pounds in 2005. Harvested acreage is estimated at 12.5 million acres, 8 percent less than a year ago.

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TEXAS UPLAND COTTON DISTRICT ESTIMATE, 2005 AND 2006 ^{1/}

Districts	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>1,000 bales</u>	
1-N	918.0	990.0	779.0	815.0	926	919	1,503.0	1,560.0
1-S	2,785.0	2,900.0	2,646.0	1,860.0	757	632	4,174.0	2,450.0
2-N	413.0	410.0	393.2	270.0	601	444	492.0	250.0
2-S	528.0	550.0	522.9	370.0	544	259	593.0	200.0
4	119.1	160.0	118.8	150.0	604	384	149.5	120.0
7	180.5	185.0	179.1	80.0	702	690	262.0	115.0
8-N	83.0	110.0	82.2	55.0	785	829	134.5	95.0
8-S	371.1	460.0	365.3	160.0	588	735	447.5	245.0
9	248.2	240.0	242.7	230.0	601	824	303.7	395.0
10-N	38.5	60.0	37.1	20.0	715	960	55.3	40.0
10-S	192.0	260.0	161.1	115.0	551	480	185.0	115.0
Other districts	73.6	75.0	72.6	75.0	929	736	140.5	115.0
STATE	5,950.0	6,400.0	5,600.0	4,200.0	723	651	8,440.0	5,700.0

^{1/} Preliminary, December, 2006.

