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## CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 2015

### ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 318,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is unchanged from the November 1 forecast but down 39 percent from last year's crop.

**Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 83,000 acres, down 66,000 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 275,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 44 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,590 pounds per acre, unchanged from the November 1 forecast and up 11 pounds from last year. As of November 29, 95 percent of the upland cotton crop had been defoliated, compared with 94 percent last year and 63 percent for the 5-year average, and 75 percent had been harvested, compared with 74 percent last year and 68 percent for the 5-year average. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 18,000 acres, up 3,500 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 43,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 30,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 1,147 pounds per acre, unchanged from the November 1 forecast and up 154 pounds from last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 13.0 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from last month and down 20 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 768 pounds per harvested acre, down 70 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 12.6 million 480-pound bales, down 20 percent from 2014. Pima cotton production, forecast at 451,000 bales, was carried forward from last month.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).