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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2016

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 397,000 480-lb bales, according to the September 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 1 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 29 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 114,000 acres, up 26,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 370,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 34 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,558 pounds per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 47 pounds from last year. As of August 28, 50 percent of upland cotton bolls had opened, compared with 49 percent last year and the five-year average of 54 percent. Four percent of upland cotton had been defoliated, compared with 6 percent last year and 8 percent for the five-year average. The cotton crop was rated 4 percent very poor, 4 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 40 percent excellent as of August 28. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 14,700 acres, down 2,300 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 27,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 31,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 882 pounds per acre, down 111 pounds from the August 1 forecast but 7 pounds more than last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 16.1 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from August and up 25 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 802 pounds per harvested acre, up 36 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.6 million 480-pound bales, up 25 percent from 2015. Pima cotton production is forecast at 562,000 bales, up 30 percent from last year.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.