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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2019

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 517,000 480-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 up 2 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 11 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 159,000 acres, unchanged from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 500,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 14 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,509 pounds per acre, down 18 pounds from the August 1 forecast but up 190 pounds from last year. As of September 1, 61 percent of upland cotton bolls had opened, compared with 62 percent last year and the five-year average of 60 percent. Fourteen percent of upland cotton had been defoliated, compared with 13 percent last year and 11 percent for the five-year average. The cotton crop was rated 6 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 19 percent excellent as of September 1. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 8,000 acres, down 6,500 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 17,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 28,500 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 1,020 pounds per acre, up 7 pounds from the August 1 forecast and 77 pounds more than last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 21.9 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from the previous forecast but up 19 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 839 pounds per harvested acre, down 16 pounds from the previous forecast and down 25 pounds from 2018. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 21.1 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from the previous forecast but up 20 percent from 2018. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 717,000 bales, down 9 percent from the previous forecast and down 10 percent from 2018. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 12.5 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but up 23 percent from 2018. All cotton planted area totaled 13.8 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 2 percent from 2018.

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