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CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 2019

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 522,000 480-lb bales, according to the October 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 1 percent from the September 1 forecast and up 12 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 159,000 acres, unchanged from last year. As of October 1, producers expect to harvest 505,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 16 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,525 pounds per acre, up 16 pounds from the September 1 forecast and up 206 pounds from last year. As of September 29, thirty percent of the upland cotton crop had been defoliated, compared with 40 percent last year and 33 percent for the 5-year average, and 15 percent had been harvested, compared with 22 percent last year and 17 percent for the 5-year average. The cotton crop was rated 12 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 8 percent excellent as of September 29. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 8,000 acres, down 6,500 acres from last year. As of October 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 77 pounds from last year.

Arizona farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 285,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, up 25,000 acres from 2018. Alfalfa production is forecast at 2.31 million tons, up 7 percent from 2018. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 8.10 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 8.30 tons per acre and the August 1 forecast of 8.60 tons per acre.

Arizona's 2019-2020 **lemon** production is forecast at 1.40 million boxes, up 4 percent from last season. **Pecan** production in Arizona is forecast at a record high 38.00 million pounds, up 36 percent from the 2018 season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 21.7 million 480-pound bales, down 1 percent from the previous forecast, but up 18 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 833 pounds per harvested acre, down 6 pounds from the previous forecast and down 31 pounds from 2018. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 21.0 million 480-pound bales, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but up 19 percent from 2018. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 724,000 bales, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 10 percent from 2018. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 12.5 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 23 percent from 2018.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2019 is forecast at 54.2 million tons, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 3 percent from 2018. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.22 tons per acre, down 0.07 ton from the previous forecast but up 0.05 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 16.8 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 1 percent from 2018.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 76.7 million tons, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 8 percent from 2018. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.13 tons per acre, up 0.02 ton from the previous forecast and up 0.17 ton from last year. If realized, this would represent a new record high for the United States, surpassing the previous record of 2.09 tons per acre in 2016. Harvested area is forecast at 35.9 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but down 1 percent from 2018.

The forecast for the 2019-2020 United States **lemon** crop is 856,000 tons, down 11 percent from last season's final utilization.

Pecan production is forecast at 281 million pounds (utilized, in-shell basis), up 21 percent for comparable States in 2018. Improved varieties are expected to produce 253 million pounds or 90 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 27.8 million pounds, making up the remaining 10 percent of production.

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