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CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 2019

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 520,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 2 percent from the November 1 forecast but up 12 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 159,000 acres, unchanged from last year. As of December 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, down 30 pounds from the November 1 forecast but up 206 pounds from last year. As of December 1, 86 percent of the upland cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 78 percent last year and 77 percent for the 5-year average. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 8,000 acres, down 6,500 acres from last year. Producers expect to harvest 15,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 28,500 bales last year, and Pima yield is forecast at 900 pounds per acre, down 43 pounds from last year.

Pecan production in Arizona is forecast at a record high 38.00 million pounds, unchanged from the October forecast and up 36 percent from the 2018 season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 20.2 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from the previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 775 pounds per harvested acre, down 24 pounds from the previous forecast and down 89 pounds from 2018. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 19.5 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from the previous forecast but up 11 percent from 2018. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 726,000 bales, down 3 percent from the previous forecast and down 9 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.

Pecan production is forecast at 261 million pounds (utilized, in-shell basis), down 7 percent from the previous forecast, but up 13 percent for comparable States in 2018. Improved varieties are expected to produce 242 million pounds or 93 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 19.5 million pounds, making up the remaining 7 percent of production. Beginning in 2019, pecan estimates were discontinued in Alabama, California, and Louisiana.

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