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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2020

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, all cotton production in Arizona is expected to total 365,000 480-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 8 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 7 percent from last year’s crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 123,000 acres, down 35,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 350,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 8 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,366 pounds per acre, down 117 pounds from the August 1 forecast but up 212 pounds from last year. As of August 30, 85 percent of upland cotton bolls had opened, compared with 58 percent last year and the five-year average of 57 percent. Fourteen percent of upland cotton had been defoliated, compared with 13 percent last year and 10 percent for the five-year average. The cotton crop was rated 4 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 31 percent excellent as of August 30. Pima cotton harvested acreage is estimated at 6,500 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 15,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 12,500 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 1,108 pounds per acre, up 11 pounds from the August 1 forecast and 308 pounds more than last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 17.1 million 480-pound bales, down 6 percent from the previous forecast and down 14 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average a record high 910 pounds per harvested acre, down 28 pounds from the previous forecast but up 87 pounds from 2019. Upland cotton production is forecast at 16.5 million 480-pound bales, down 6 percent from the previous forecast and down 14 percent from 2019. Pima cotton production is forecast at 559,000 bales, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 18 percent from 2019. All cotton harvested area is forecast at 9.01 million acres, down 3 percent from the previous forecast and down 22 percent from 2019. All cotton planted area totaled 12.1 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 12 percent from 2019.

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