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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](http://www.nass.usda.gov).