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CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 2020

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 370,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is unchanged from the November 1 forecast but down 6 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 December 1, producers expect to harvest 355,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 7 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,385 pounds per acre, unchanged from the November 1 forecast and up 231 pounds from last year. As of November 29, 75 percent of the upland cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 81 percent last year and 76 percent for the 5-year average. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 6,500 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year. Producers expect to harvest 15,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 12,500 bales last year, and Pima yield is forecast at 1,108 pounds per acre, up 308 pounds from last year.

Pecan production in Arizona is forecast at a record high 37.00 million pounds, unchanged from the October forecast and up 2 percent from the 2019 season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 15.9 million 480-pound bales, down 7 percent from the previous forecast and down 20 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 850 pounds per harvested acre, down 61 pounds from the previous forecast but up 27 pounds from 2019. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 15.4 million 480-pound bales, down 7 percent from the previous forecast and down 20 percent from 2019. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 554,000 bales, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 19 percent from 2019. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 9.01 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 22 percent from 2019.

Pecan production is forecast at 307 million pounds (utilized, in-shell basis), up 5 percent from the previous forecast and up 20 percent from 2019. Improved varieties are expected to produce 291 million pounds or 95 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 15.1 million pounds, making up the remaining 5 percent of production.

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