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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2021

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 326,000 480-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 5 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 3 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 119,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 310,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 3 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,250 pounds per acre, up 12 pounds per acre from the August 1 forecast and up 71 pounds per acre from last year. As of August 29, 77 percent of upland cotton bolls had opened, compared with 83 percent last year and the five-year average of 63 percent. Nine percent of upland cotton had been defoliated, compared with 12 percent last year and 10 percent for the five-year average. The cotton crop was rated 3 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 28 percent excellent as of August 29. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 9,000 acres, up 2,500 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 16,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 14,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 853 pounds per acre, up 13 pounds from the August 1 forecast but 181 pounds less than last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 18.5 million 480-pound bales, up 7 percent from the previous forecast and up 27 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 895 pounds per harvested acre, up 95 pounds from the previous forecast and up 48 pounds from 2020. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 18.2 million 480-pound bales, up 8 percent from the previous forecast and up 29 percent from 2020. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 335,000 bales, down 10 percent from the previous forecast and down 39 percent from 2020. All cotton planted area totaled 11.2 million acres, down 5 percent from the previous forecast and down 7 percent from 2020. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 9.92 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous forecast but up 20 percent from 2020. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.

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