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U.S. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.8 million bales, down 10 percent from 2010. The yields are expected to be 794 pounds per acre, down 11 pounds from 2010. The harvested acreage at 9.56 million acres decreased 9 percent from the previous year. Drought conditions throughout portions of the cotton belt have negatively impacted this year's crop.

FIELD CROP PRODUCTION

COTTON: California Upland cotton production is forecast at 560 thousand bales, 47 percent above last year. Harvested acreage is expected to total 181 thousand acres, 47 percent above 2010. The yield is forecast 2 pounds above last year at 1,485 pounds per acre.

American Pima cotton production nationally is forecast at 737 thousand bales, up 46 percent from 2010. The U.S. yield is forecast at 1,231 pounds per acre, up 31 pounds from last year.

California American Pima cotton production is forecast at 685 thousand bales, 48 percent above the previous year. The 259 thousand acres for harvest is up 44 percent from last year.

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FIELD CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production		
	2010	2011 Forecast	Unit	2010	2011	Unit	2010	2011 Forecast
	1,000 Acres						1,000	
CALIFORNIA								
Wheat, Winter 1/	360	420	Tons	2.40	2.40	Tons	864	1,008
Wheat, Durum 1/	105	120	Tons	3.30	3.15	Tons	347	378
Oats 1/	25	20	Tons	1.52	1.36	Tons	38.0	27.2
Barley 1/	75	75	Tons	1.39	1.32	Tons	104	99
Corn for Grain	180	150	Tons	5.46	5.18	Tons	983	777
Rice, All 2/	553	588	Lbs.	8,020	8,400	Cwt.	44,326	49,392
Long	6	7	Lbs.	5,200	3/	Cwt.	312	3/
Medium	505	537	Lbs.	8,200	3/	Cwt.	41,410	3/
Short 2/	42	44	Lbs.	6,200	3/	Cwt.	2,604	3/
Cotton, Upland 4/	123.0	181.0	Lbs.	1,483	1,485	Bales	380.0	560.0
Cotton, American-Pima 4/	180.0	259.0	Lbs.	1,237	1,269	Bales	464.0	685.0
Sweet Potatoes	18.0	18.5	Cwt.	355	3/	Cwt.	6,390	3/
Sugar Beets 5/	25.1	25.0	Tons	40.0	43.0	Tons	1,004	1,075
Beans, Dry, Edible 1/ 6/	63.0	45.0	Cwt.	23.2	22.6	Cwt.	1,462	1,017
Hay, All 1/	1,470	1,490	Tons	5.60	5.68	Tons	8,236	8,466
Alfalfa 1/	920	940	Tons	6.80	6.90	Tons	6,256	6,486
Other 1/	550	550	Tons	3.60	3.60	Tons	1,980	1,980
Safflower	55.5	57.0	Lbs.	2,250	3/	Lbs.	124,875	3/
Sunflowers	34.0	46.5	Lbs.	1,191	3/	Lbs.	40,500	3/
UNITED STATES								
Wheat, Winter 1/	31,749	32,307	Tons	1.40	1.39	Tons	44,557	44,923
Wheat, Durum 1/	2,529	1,347	Tons	1.27	1.27	Tons	3,215	1,714
Oats 1/	1,263	934	Tons	1.03	0.98	Tons	1,299	920
Barley 1/	2,465	2,390	Tons	1.76	1.69	Tons	4,326	4,037
Corn for Grain	81,446	84,388	Tons	4.28	4.15	Tons	348,512	349,918
Rice, All 2/	3,615	2,624	Lbs.	6,725	7,273	Cwt.	243,104	190,854
Long 7/	2,826	1,736	Lbs.	6,486	6,869	Cwt.	183,296	119,243
Medium 7/	746	843	Lbs.	7,660	8,140	Cwt.	57,144	68,622
Short 2/ 7/	43	45	Lbs.	6,195	6,642	Cwt.	2,664	2,989
Cotton, Upland 4/	10,497.0	9,562.0	Lbs.	805	794	Bales	17,600.0	15,819.0
Cotton, American-Pima 4/	201.7	287.5	Lbs.	1,200	1,231	Bales	504.1	737.2
Sweet Potatoes	116.9	128.2	Cwt.	204	3/	Cwt.	23,845	3/
Sugar Beets 5/	1,155.7	1,207.6	Tons	27.6	24.2	Tons	31,901	29,180
Beans, Dry, Edible 1/ 6/	1,842.7	1,190.2	Cwt.	17.3	17.2	Cwt.	31,801	20,451
Hay, All 1/	59,862	57,605	Tons	2.43	2.29	Tons	145,556	131,998
Alfalfa 1/	19,956	19,329	Tons	3.40	3.36	Tons	67,903	64,996
Other 1/	39,906	38,276	Tons	1.95	1.75	Tons	77,653	67,002
Safflower	167.7	131.5	Lbs.	1,320	3/	Lbs.	221,335	3/
Sunflowers	1,873.8	1,770.5	Lbs.	1,460	3/	Lbs.	2,735,570	3/

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

2/ Includes sweet rice.

3/ To be released January 2012.

4/ Cotton yield in pounds; production in 480-pound net weight bales.

5/ Relates to year of intended harvest in all states, except California. In California, related to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for over-wintered beets in central and southern California.

6/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

7/ The 2011 rice production by class estimates are based on class harvested acreage estimates and the 5-year average class yield compared the all rice yield

FIELD CROP PRODUCTION

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RICE: California's 2011 rice crop forecast, at 49.4 million cwt., is 11 percent above last year. The 588 thousand acres for harvest increased 6 percent from the previous year. The yield is forecast at 8,400 pounds per acre, 5 percent above last year.

The 2011 **U.S.** rice production is forecast at 191 million cwt., up 1 percent from August, but down 21 percent from last year. The area for harvest is expected to total 2.62 million acres, down 1 percent from August and 27 percent lower than 2010. The yield is forecast at 7,273 pounds per acre, up 159 pounds from last month and 548 pounds from last year.

SUGAR BEETS: California sugar beet production is forecast at 1.08 million tons, up 7 percent from 2010. Harvested acreage is estimated at 25.0 thousand acres, down slightly from last year. The yield is forecast at 43.0 tons per acre, 8 percent more than last year.

The **U.S.** sugar beet production is forecast at 29.2 million tons, 9 percent below last year. Growers expect to harvest 1.21 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast, but up 4 percent from last year. The expected yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, down 3.40 tons from 2010.

CORN: California's 2011 corn for grain production forecast is 777 thousand tons, 21 percent below 2010. Acreage for harvest, at 150 thousand acres, was 17 percent below last year. The forecast yield, at 5.18 tons per acre, is 5 percent below a year earlier.

Nationally, corn for grain production is forecast at 350 million tons, down 3 percent from the August forecast, but up slightly from 2010. If realized, this will be the third largest production total on record for the U.S. The area for harvest is expected to total 84.4 million acres, unchanged from August, but up 4 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 4.15 tons per acre. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield in the U.S. since 2005.

OFF FARM RICE STOCKS

Stocks of milled rice stored in California mills and warehouses on August 1, 2011 totaled 1.71 million cwt. Nationally, milled rice stocks in all positions on August 1 totaled 4.67 million cwt., 7 percent above the comparable figure for a year ago.

Rough rice stocks in California mills and off-farm warehouses totaled 6.62 million cwt. on August 1, 2011. This was 16 percent below the 7.92 million cwt. of stocks on hand a year earlier. Nationally, rough rice stocks in all positions on August 1, 2011 totaled 41.6 million cwt., up 37 percent from the total on August 1, 2010.

CALIFORNIA ROUGH RICE STOCKS

Month	Season		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	1,000 Cwt.		
December 1	35,848	41,402	38,863
March 1	22,940	28,755	27,228
June 1	11,810	15,098	12,924
August 1	5,987	7,920	6,622
October 1 1/	1,832	4,251	---

1/ Data for 2010-11 released October 28, 2011.

ROUGH AND MILLED RICE STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS

Type of Rice	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
	August 1		August 1	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Cwt.			
ROUGH RICE				
Long Grain	183	1/	19,532	32,847
Medium Grain	6,424	5,526	9,527	7,825
Short Grain	1,313	1/	1,317	972
TOTAL ROUGH RICE	7,920	6,622	30,376	41,644
MILLED RICE				
<u>Whole Kernels (Head Rice)</u>				
Long Grain	1/	1/	2,511	1,924
Medium Grain	516	664	799	845
Short Grain	1/	1/	60	45
Total	579	722	3,370	2,814
<u>Broken Kernels</u>				
Second Heads	253	1/	670	992
Screenings 2/	---	---	93	75
Brewers	42	1/	247	786
Total	295	983	1,010	1,853
TOTAL MILLED RICE	874	1,705	4,380	4,667

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Screenings included with second heads in California.

PRICES RECEIVED BY CALIFORNIA FARMERS - August 2011

Prices received by California farmers at mid-August for all hay, alfalfa hay and other hay were above August 2010. Mid-August prices for wheat, barley, and dry, edible beans were not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. There were insufficient sales to establish a mid-month price for all types of potatoes and upland cotton lint.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 182 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, and eggs and lower prices for lettuce, potatoes, and soybeans. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, sweet corn, and barley offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, corn, and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 41 points (29 percent) from August 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 173, increased 2 points (1.2 percent) from last month and increased 31 points (22 percent) from August 2010.

The August All Crops Index, at 208, increased 1.0 percent from July and is 38 percent above August 2010. Index increases for feed grains & hay, fruits & nuts, food grains, and upland cotton more than offset the index decreases for oilseeds, potatoes & dry beans, and commercial vegetables.

The August Food Grains Index, at 247, is 5.1 percent above the previous month and 36 percent above a year ago. The August all wheat price, at \$252.00 per ton, is up \$15.33 from July and \$70.67 above August 2010.

The August Feed Grains & Hay Index, at 274, is up 4.6 percent from last month and 75 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$236.43 per ton, is up \$10.72 from last month and \$106.07 above August 2010. The all hay price, at \$172.00 per ton, is up \$2.00 from July and up \$62.00 from last August. Sorghum grain, at \$12.30 per cwt., is \$1.90 above July and \$5.94 above August last year.

The August Upland Cotton Index, at 139, is up 5.3 percent from July and 9.4 percent above last year. The August price, at 84.1 cents per pound, is up 4.0 cents from the previous month and 6.9 cents above last August.

The August Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 194, is down 16 percent from last month, but 43 percent above August 2010. The all potato price, at \$11.06 per cwt., is down \$3.13 from July, but up \$3.28 from last August. The all dry bean price, at \$42.00 per cwt., is up \$7.90 from the previous month and \$12.60 above August 2010.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		August 2010	July 2011	Aug 15, 2011	August 2010	July 2011	Aug 15, 2011
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	130.36	225.71	236.43
Wheat 2/	Tons	174.33	3/	3/	181.33	236.67	252.00
Oats 2/	Tons	---	---	---	130.63	209.38	208.13
Barley 2/	Tons	3/	245.00	3/	153.75	211.25	217.08
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	6.36	10.40	12.30
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	11.60	12.70	13.20
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	52.00	48.20	3/	29.40	34.10	42.00
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	14.30	21.40	4/	7.78	14.19	11.06
Spring	Cwt.	14.30	21.70	4/	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	4/	11.90	4/	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	113.00	221.00	220.00	110.00	170.00	172.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	118.00	232.00	232.00	118.00	189.00	191.00
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	92.00	172.00	170.00	95.10	119.00	127.00
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	4/	3/	4/	0.772	0.801	0.841
Cottonseed	Tons	---	---	---	4/	---	213.00

- 1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.
2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.
3/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure of operations.
4/ Insufficient data to establish a price.
5/ Monthly average.

INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	Aug 2010	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Aug 2010	Jul 2011	Aug 2011
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	896	1,144	1,155	141	180	182
All Crops	748	1,020	1,030	151	206	208
Food Grains	574	746	782	181	235	247
Feed Grains and Hay	559	933	978	157	262	274
Upland Cotton	653	678	712	127	132	139
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	689	1,177	983	136	232	194
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities,						
Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 1/	2,420	2,716	2,716	182	204	204
Parity Ratio 2/	37	42	43	77	88	89

- 1/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.
2/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.

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