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California American Pima cotton production is forecast at 630 thousand bales, up 1 percent from last month's production and down 20 percent from the 2011 crop. Harvested acreage is forecast at 224 thousand acres. Yield is forecast at 1,350 pounds per acre.

FIELD CROP PRODUCTION

U.S. Upland cotton production is forecast at 16.5 million 480-pound bales, up 12 percent from 2011. Harvested area is expected to total 10.2 million acres, down 4 percent from last month, but up 11 percent from 2011.

COTTON: California Upland cotton production is forecast at 495 thousand bales, down 11 percent from the 2011 crop and up 5 percent from the August 1 forecast. Harvested acreage is estimated at 141 thousand acres, down 5 percent from the previous forecast. Yield is forecast at 1,685 pounds per acre, slightly down from last month.

American Pima cotton production, forecast at 657 thousand bales, is down 23 percent from last year. Expected harvested area, at 237 thousand acres, is down 22 percent from 2011.

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FIELD CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

Crop	Area Harvested		Unit	Yield Per Acre		Unit	Production	
	2011	2012 Forecast		2011	2012		2011	2012 Forecast
	1,000 Acres						1,000	
CALIFORNIA								
Wheat, Winter 1/	420	330	Tons	2.55	2.55	Tons	1,071	842
Wheat, Durum 1/	115	130	Tons	3.27	3.30	Tons	376	429
Oats 1/	15	30	Tons	1.60	1.52	Tons	24.0	45.6
Barley 1/	75	65	Tons	1.51	1.37	Tons	113	88.9
Corn for Grain	150	180	Tons	5.18	5.32	Tons	777	958
Rice, All 2/	580	563	Lbs.	8,350	8,400	Cwt.	48,402	47,292
Long	7	6	Lbs.	5,500	3/	Cwt.	385	3/
Medium	530	500	Lbs.	8,500	3/	Cwt.	45,050	3/
Short 2/	43	57	Lbs.	6,900	3/	Cwt.	2,967	3/
Cotton, Upland 4/	181.0	141.0	Lbs.	1,474	1,685	Bales	556.0	495.0
Cotton, American-Pima 4/	273.0	224.0	Lbs.	1,380	1,350	Bales	785.0	630.0
Sweet Potatoes 1/	18.2	18.0	Cwt.	320	3/	Cwt.	5,824	3/
Sugar Beets 5/	25.1	24.5	Tons	44.0	43.0	Tons	1,104	1,054
Beans, Dry, Edible 1/ 6/	45.0	57.5	Cwt.	22.8	22.0	Cwt.	1,026	1,265
Hay, All 1/	1,390	1,540	Tons	5.69	5.53	Tons	7,908	8,512
Alfalfa 1/	880	980	Tons	6.90	6.80	Tons	6,072	6,664
Other 1/	510	560	Tons	3.60	3.30	Tons	1,836	1,848
Safflower 1/	56.0	55.0	Lbs.	1,900	3/	Lbs.	106,400	3/
Sunflowers 1/	43.5	49.5	Lbs.	1,018	3/	Lbs.	44,300	3/
UNITED STATES								
Wheat, Winter 1/	32,314	35,023	Tons	1.39	1.44	Tons	44,810	50,482
Wheat, Durum 1/	1,312	2,122	Tons	1.15	1.22	Tons	1,514	2,580
Oats 1/	939	1,091	Tons	0.91	0.98	Tons	858	1,064
Barley 1/	2,239	3,268	Tons	1.67	1.62	Tons	3,739	5,304
Corn for Grain	83,981	87,361	Tons	4.12	3.44	Tons	346,036	300,366
Rice, All 2/	2,618	2,677	Lbs.	7,067	7,334	Cwt.	185,009	196,318
Long	1,740	1,973	Lbs.	6,691	7/	Cwt.	116,420	138,268
Medium	834	646	Lbs.	7,861	7/	Cwt.	65,562	54,020
Short 2/	44	58	Lbs.	6,880	7/	Cwt.	3,027	4,030
Cotton, Upland 4/	9,156.0	10,206.0	Lbs.	772	774	Bales	14,722.0	16,452.0
Cotton, American-Pima 4/	304.9	237.4	Lbs.	1,340	1,328	Bales	851.2	657.0
Sweet Potatoes 1/	129.7	128.5	Cwt.	208	3/	Cwt.	26,964	3/
Sugar Beets 5/	1,213.1	1,215.0	Tons	23.8	29.3	Tons	28,828	35,583
Beans, Dry, Edible 1/ 6/	1,155.9	1,673.5	Cwt.	17.2	16.1	Cwt.	19,833	27,016
Hay, All 1/	55,633	57,574	Tons	2.36	2.09	Tons	131,144	120,343
Alfalfa 1/	19,213	18,812	Tons	3.40	2.92	Tons	65,332	54,895
Other 1/	36,420	38,762	Tons	1.81	1.69	Tons	65,812	65,448
Safflower 1/	127.3	141.5	Lbs.	1,333	3/	Lbs.	169,671	3/
Sunflowers 1/	1,457.8	1,735.4	Lbs.	1,398	3/	Lbs.	2,038,275	3/

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

2/ Includes sweet rice.

3/ To be released January 2013.

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 2012 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 2012 rice crop forecast, at 47.3 million cwt., is up 2 percent from the previous year. The yield forecast is 8,400 pounds per acre, unchanged from both last month and year. Harvested acreage is 563 thousand acres. As of September 1, nearly all of the rice acres had headed.

The 2012 **U.S.** rice production is forecast at 196 million cwt., up 3 percent from August and up 6 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 2.68 million acres, up 1 percent from June and 2 percent higher than 2011. Based on conditions as of September 1, the average U.S. yield is forecast at a record high 7,334 pounds per acre, up 138 pounds from August and up 267 pounds from last year.

SUGAR BEETS: California sugar beet production is forecast at 1.05 million tons, down 2 percent from the August forecast and down 5 percent from last season. Harvested acreage slightly decreased from last month with 24.5 thousand acres, resulting in a yield of 43.0 tons per acre.

The **U.S.** sugar beet production is forecast at 35.6 million tons, up 23 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.22 million acres, down slightly from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 29.3 tons per acre, an increase of 0.2 ton from last year. If realized, this will be a record yield for the U.S.

CORN: California's 2012 corn for grain production forecast is 958 thousand tons, up 23 percent from last year's crop and unchanged from the August forecast. With harvested acreage forecast at 180 thousand acres, the yield is 5.32 tons per acre. Compared with the 2011 crop year, harvested acreage is up 20 percent and the yield is unchanged.

Nationally, corn for grain production is forecast at 300 thousand tons, down less than 1 percent from the August forecast and down 13 percent from 2011. This represents the lowest production in the United States since 2006. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 3.44 tons per acre, down slightly from the August forecast and 17 percent below the 2011 average. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.4 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast, but up 4 percent from 2011.

OFF FARM RICE STOCKS

Stocks of milled rice stored in California mills and warehouses on August 1, 2012 totaled 995 thousand cwt. Nationally, milled rice stocks in all positions on August 1 totaled 3.58 million cwt., 23 percent below the comparable figure for a year ago.

Rough rice stocks in California mills and off-farm warehouses totaled 7.15 million cwt. on August 1, 2012. This was 8 percent above the 6.62 million cwt. of stocks on hand a year earlier. Nationally, rough rice stocks in all positions on August 1, 2012 totaled 36.0 million cwt., down 14 percent from the total on August 1, 2011.

CALIFORNIA ROUGH RICE STOCKS

Month	Season		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
	1,000 Cwt.		
December 1	41,402	38,863	39,767
March 1	28,755	27,228	26,571
June 1	15,098	12,924	13,103
August 1	7,920	6,622	7,149
October 1 1/	4,251	2,063	---

1/ Data for 2011-12 released October 29, 2012.

ROUGH AND MILLED RICE STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS

Type of Rice	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
	August 1		August 1	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
1,000 Cwt.				
ROUGH RICE				
Long Grain	1/	1/	32,847	22,034
Medium Grain	5,526	5,965	7,870	12,983
Short Grain	1/	1/	972	945
TOTAL ROUGH RICE	6,622	7,149	41,689	35,962
MILLED RICE				
Whole Kernels (Head Rice)				
Long Grain	1/	2	1,924	1,550
Medium Grain	664	307	845	496
Short Grain	1/	38	45	38
Total	722	347	2,814	2,084
Broken Kernels				
Second Heads	1/	311	992	870
Screenings 2/	---	---	75	51
Brewers	1/	337	786	573
Total	983	648	1,853	1,494
TOTAL MILLED RICE	1,705	995	4,667	3,578

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Screenings included with second heads in California.

PRICES RECEIVED BY CALIFORNIA FARMERS - August 2012

Prices received by California farmers at mid-August for all hay, alfalfa hay and other hay were above August 2011. 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 192 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 3 points (1.3 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.0 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, milk, eggs, and soybeans. Lower prices were received for hogs, onions, potatoes, and carrots. 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 movement of cattle, barley, sweet corn, and calves offset the decreased marketing of wheat, hay, corn, and strawberries.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 8 points (4.3 percent) from August 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 177, increased 1 point (0.6 percent) from last month and 3 points (1.7 percent) from August 2011.

The August All Crops Index, at 231, increased 1.3 percent from July and is 9.0 percent above August 2011. Index increases for feed grains & hay and fruits & nuts more than offset the index decreases for potatoes & dry beans and upland cotton.

The August Food Grains Index, at 263, is unchanged from the previous month, but is 6.0 percent higher than a year ago. The August price for all wheat, at \$267.67 per ton, is up \$3.34 from July and \$14.67 above August 2011.

The August Feed Grains & Hay Index, at 311, is up 5.8 percent from last month and 9.9 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$269.29 per ton, is up \$14.29 from last month and \$23.58 above August 2011. The all hay price, at \$184 per ton, is unchanged from July, but is \$5.00 higher than last August. Sorghum grain, at \$11.90 per cwt., is \$1.20 above July and August last year.

The August Upland Cotton Index, at 116, is down 8.7 percent from July and 25 percent from last year. The August price, at 70.4 cents per pound, is down 6.3 cents from the previous month and is 23.6 cents below last August.

The August Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 153, is down 13 percent from last month and 15 percent below August 2011. The all potato price, at \$8.23 per cwt., is down \$1.06 from July and down \$2.24 from last August. The all dry bean price, at \$43.00 per cwt., is down \$2.80 from the previous month, but \$9.00 higher than August 2011.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		August 2011	July 2012	Aug 15, 2012	August 2011	July 2012	Aug 15, 2012
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	245.71	255.00	269.29
Wheat 2/	Tons	3/	278.00	3/	253.00	264.33	267.67
Oats 2/	Tons	---	---	---	200.00	231.25	227.50
Barley 2/	Tons	3/	3/	3/	219.58	263.33	277.92
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	10.70	10.70	11.90
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	13.60	14.20	14.50
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	3/	52.60	3/	34.00	45.80	43.00
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	4/	12.90	4/	10.47	9.29	8.23
Spring	Cwt.	4/	13.30	4/	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	4/	8.55	4/	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	221.00	200.00	202.00	179.00	184.00	184.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	235.00	205.00	207.00	196.00	198.00	203.00
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	173.00	180.00	185.00	135.00	143.00	140.00
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	4/	3/	4/	0.940	0.767	0.704
Cottonseed	Tons	---	---	---	213.00	---	235.00

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 2011	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Aug 2011	Jul 2012	Aug 2012
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	1,169	1,207	1,216	184	190	192
All Crops	1,048	1,132	1,144	212	228	231
Food Grains	787	833	833	248	263	263
Feed Grains and Hay	1,008	1,048	1,107	283	294	311
Upland Cotton	796	649	596	155	127	116
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	910	884	776	180	175	153
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 1/	2,727	2,842	2,870	205	213	216
Parity Ratio 2/	43	42	42	90	89	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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