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## CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP ACREAGE REPORT

**SACRAMENTO** -- The USDA, NASS, California Field Office today released the field crop acreage estimates for 2009, showing the following changes from the 2008 acreage.

**COTTON:** California's cotton growers planted 65.0 thousand acres of Upland cotton and 130 thousand acres of American Pima cotton in 2009. Upland acreage is down 46 percent and American Pima acreage is down 16 percent from 2008. Upland planted acreage is at its lowest level on record. Additionally, Pima acres have exceeded Upland acres since 2007 in California.

**CORN:** Corn planted for all purposes is 550 thousand acres, down 18 percent from 2008. California farmers expect to harvest 125 thousand acres of corn for grain in 2009, down 26 percent from last year.

**OATS:** Oats were seeded on 240 thousand acres for 2009, up 4 percent from last year's acreage. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 20.0 thousand acres, unchanged from 2008.

**WHEAT:** California's Durum wheat planted acreage is estimated at 180 thousand acres, up 6 percent from last year. The 155 thousand acres for grain harvest are unchanged from 2008. California's acreage seeded to Wheat other than Durum totaled 580 thousand acres, down 11 percent from 2008.

**RICE:** California's seeded rice acreage is estimated at 562 thousand acres, up 8 percent from 2008. The acreage planted to long grain rice totaled 7.00 thousand acres, down 22 percent from 2008. Planted acreage of medium grain rice is 515 thousand acres, up 12 percent from last year, and acreage planted to short grain rice is 40.0 thousand acres, down 20 percent from 2008.

**BARLEY:** In California, an estimated 70.0 thousand acres were seeded to barley for all purposes this year, down 22 percent from 2008. A total of 40.0 thousand acres is expected to be harvested for grain, down 27 percent from last year.

**SUGAR BEETS:** California growers have planted and intend to plant 25.0 thousand acres to sugar beets, down 4 percent from last year's total planted acreage.

**DRY EDIBLE BEANS:** An estimated 60.0 thousand acres in California were seeded to dry edible beans for the 2009 season, up 15 percent from last year's total.

**SAFFLOWER:** California safflower growers planted 80.0 thousand acres in 2009. Safflower acreage is down 24 percent from last year's total.

**ALL HAY:** California growers expected to harvest 1.62 million acres of all hay in 2009, up 6 percent from 2008. Of the total, alfalfa is expected to be harvested from 975 thousand acres, 3 percent above last year. All other hay is estimated to be harvested on 640 thousand acres, up 12 percent from last year's total.

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