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CALIFORNIA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO – The USDA-NASS, California Field Office today released the crop production forecast for December. The latest survey, which was conducted during the last week of November and the first week of December, included the following commodities:

Cotton – Upland cotton production in California is forecast at 540 thousand bales, unchanged from the November 1 forecast, but up 42 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 181 thousand resulted in a yield of 1,432 pounds per acre. American Pima cotton production is forecast at 685 thousand bales, unchanged from last month, and up 48 percent from the 2010 crop. With harvested acreage at 259 thousand acres, the yield is forecast at 1,269 pounds per acre.

Dry Edible Beans – Dry edible bean production is forecast to be 990 thousand cwt., down 32 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 45 thousand is down 28 percent from last year, which resulted in an overall yield of 2,200 pounds per acre. The decline of dry bean acreage may have been a result of increased water availability, which led growers to plant higher value crops.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. Late summer and fall harvests may change these estimates considerably. The next production forecast will be issued January 12, 2012.

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