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PACIFIC REGION CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

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

Oranges - The 2013-14 California orange crop is forecast at 113 million cartons. California's Navel orange forecast is 88.0 million cartons. The 2013-14 Navel orange harvest is underway with growers expecting large, good quality fruit. California's Valencia orange forecast is 25.0 million cartons.

Others – The grapefruit forecast is 8.0 million cartons; lemon forecast is 43.0 million cartons; tangerine and mandarin forecast is 27 million cartons.

Corn - Corn for grain production is expected to total 904 thousand tons, down 3 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 170 thousand is down 6 percent, and the yield forecast of 5.32 tons per acre is 3 percent above the previous year.

Cotton - Upland cotton is forecast at 310 thousand bales, unchanged from September's forecast, but down 39 percent from last year. With harvested acreage of 92 thousand, the resulting yield is 1,617 pounds per acre. Pima cotton is forecast at 600 thousand bales, also unchanged from September's forecast, but down 20 percent from last year. With harvested acreage of 186 thousand, the resulting yield is 1,548 pounds per acre. As of November 1st, cotton harvest was about three quarters complete.

Rice - All rice production in California is forecast at 46.7 million cwt. for 2013, up 4 percent from the previous year. The yield forecast is 8,400 pounds per acre and the harvested acreage is estimated at 556 thousand. Harvest began during the middle of September and is ongoing.

Sugar Beets - California sugar beet production is forecast at 1.1 million tons, up 2 percent from the 2012 crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 24.5 thousand and the yield forecast is 45.0 tons per acre.

Potatoes – Fall potatoes harvest in California is forecast at 4.03 million cwt., up 3 percent from a year ago. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8.3 thousand and the yield forecast is 485 cwt. per acre.

Sugarcane – Hawaii sugarcane production is forecast at 1.41 million tons, up 8 percent from the 2012 crop. Harvested acreage of 17.5 thousand is slightly up from the previous year and the yield forecast is 80.8 tons per acre.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. Late fall harvests may change these forecasts. The next production forecast will be issued December 10, 2013.

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