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PACIFIC REGION CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO – The USDA-NASS, Pacific Regional 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 280 thousand bales, a 10 percent decrease from the November 8 forecast, and down 45 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 92 thousand acres resulted in a yield of 1,461 pounds per acre. American Pima cotton production is forecast at 600 thousand bales, the same as last month, and down 20 percent from the 2012 crop. With harvested acreage at 186 thousand acres, the yield is forecast at 1,548 pounds per acre.

Dry Edible Beans – Dry edible bean production is forecast to be 1.15 million cwt., down 12 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 49.5 thousand is down 14 percent from last year, which resulted in an overall-yield of 2,320 pounds per acre.

Sugarcane – Sugarcane production in Hawaii is forecast at 1.37 million tons from 16.0 thousand acres. Harvested acres are nearly the same as last year and production is up 8 percent.

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 10, 2014.

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