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CALIFORNIA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO --The USDA-NASS California Field Office today released the crop production forecasts that reflect conditions as of January 1. The latest survey, conducted during the last week of December 2013 and the first week of January 2014, included the following commodities:

Cotton - American Pima production is estimated at 610,000 bales for 2013, down 19 percent from 2012. Harvested acreage is estimated at 186,000 acres. The resulting yield is 1,574 pounds per acre. Upland production is estimated at 315,000 bales, up 13 percent from the December 1 forecast. Harvested acreage is estimated at 92,000 acres. The yield calculates to 1,643 pounds per acre. As of January, cotton harvest was finished. Harvested fields were shredded and disked.

Oranges - The 2013 - 2014 California Navel orange forecast is 84.0 million cartons, down 4.5 percent from both the October forecast and last season's crop. The 2013-14 navel orange harvest began in late October. A significant freeze in early December across the California Central Valley impacted much of the citrus fruit. The 2013-2014 Valencia orange forecast is 23.0 million cartons, down 8 percent from both the October 2013 forecast and 2012-2013 crop, respectively.

Lemons - The 2013 - 2014 California lemon forecast is 40.0 million cartons, down 7.0 percent from the October forecast and down 4.8 percent from last season's final production.

Tangerines - The 2013 - 2014 California tangerine forecast (including mandarins and tangelos) is 26.4 million cartons. Production is up 1.5 percent from last season's crop, but down 2.2 percent from the October forecast. In November, Satsumas, Fairchilds, and Clementines were harvested in Southern California.

Grapefruit - The 2013 - 2014 California grapefruit forecast is 8.0 million cartons, unchanged from the October forecast and from last season's crop. Significant freeze in early December across the California Central Valley impacted much of the citrus fruit, although lemons were least affected. The extent of freeze damage is not presently known.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. The next production forecast will be issued February 10, 2014.

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