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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 370 thousand bales, down 3 percent from the November 1 forecast. Harvested acreage of 117 thousand resulted in a yield of 1,518 pounds per acre. American Pima cotton production is forecast at 400 thousand bales, down 5 percent from last month. With harvested acreage at 151 thousand acres, the yield is forecast at 1,272 pounds per acre. As of December 1, cotton harvest was essentially complete in California. Shredding and stalk plow down were also nearing completion in most parts of the state.

Dry Edible Beans – Dry edible bean production is forecast to be 1.05 million cwt., down 13 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 52 thousand is down 12 percent from last year, which resulted in an overall yield of 2,030 pounds per acre. Despite declining acreage and dry conditions, California dry bean growers had a successful year.

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, 2009.

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