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## CALIFORNIA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

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

**Cotton** - American Pima cotton production in California is forecast at 450 thousand bales, unchanged from last month's forecast, and up 25 percent from the 2009 crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 184 thousand acres, resulting in a yield of 1,174 pounds per acre. Upland cotton is forecast at 380 thousand bales, down 3 percent from last month's forecast, and up 58 percent from last year. With harvested acreage of 123 thousand, the resulting yield is 1,483 pounds per acre. As of the beginning of October, cotton fields were in the final stages of harvest preparation.

**Grapes** - Production of all grape varieties for the 2010 season is forecast at 6.15 million tons, down 3 percent from the August forecast, and down 6 percent from last season. Wine-type variety grape production for California is forecast at 3.30 million tons, down 6 percent from the August forecast, and down 12 percent from last year. The table-type grape production is expected to total 900 thousand tons, unchanged from the August forecast, and up 3 percent from last year. The California raisin-type variety grape forecast is 1.95 million tons, unchanged from the August forecast, and up 1 percent from 2009. The 2010 California grape crop is around two weeks behind normal, due to the cool and wet spring. Bunch counts were reported to be stronger than last year, although development has been slow. Mildew has been a problem for many growers, due to the cooler weather. European Grapevine Moth remains a concern, mainly because of quarantines.

**Oranges** - The 2010-11 California orange crop is forecast at 121 million cartons. California's Navel orange forecast is 93.0 million cartons. The 2010-11 navel crop continued to develop slightly behind schedule as harvest is expected to begin in late-October to early-November. Despite delayed development, a very large crop is expected. California's Valencia orange forecast is 28.0 million cartons.

**Others** – The grapefruit forecast is 7.60 million cartons; lemon forecast is 42.0 million cartons; tangerine and mandarin forecast is 20.0 million cartons; pecan production forecast is 4.00 million pounds, up 2 percent. The corn for grain production forecast is 764 thousand tons, down 5 percent; alfalfa hay forecast is 6.32 million tons, down 9 percent; other hay production is projected at 2.13 million tons, up 27 percent; dry edible bean production is expected to be 1.39 million cwt., down 8 percent; the rice crop forecast is 44.7 million cwt., down 6 percent from last year; and the sunflower forecast is 44.4 million pounds, down 13 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 November 9, 2010.

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