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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 380 thousand bales, unchanged from the November 1 forecast, but up 58 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 123 thousand resulted in a yield of 1,483 pounds per acre. American Pima cotton production is forecast at 450 thousand bales, unchanged from last month, but up 25 percent from the 2009 crop. With harvested acreage at 184 thousand acres, the yield is forecast at 1,174 pounds per acre.

Dry Edible Beans – Dry edible bean production is forecast to be 1.39 million cwt., down 12 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 63 thousand is down 9 percent from last year, which resulted in an overall yield of 2,200 pounds per acre. The garbanzo harvest was completed in the summer while harvesting of limas, blackeyes, kidneys, and other varieties neared completion at the end of November. Growers reported a good crop year overall despite mild growing conditions.

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, 2011.

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