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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 475 thousand bales, unchanged from the November 1 forecast, but down 15 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 141 thousand resulted in a yield of 1,617 pounds per acre. American Pima cotton production is forecast at 630 thousand bales, unchanged from last month, and down 20 percent from the 2011 crop. With harvested acreage at 224 thousand acres, the yield is forecast at 1,350 pounds per acre.

Dry Edible Beans – Dry edible bean production is forecast to be 1,265 thousand cwt., up 17 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 57.5 thousand is up 1 percent from last year, which resulted in an overall-yield of 2,200 pounds per acre.

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 11, 2013.

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