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PACIFIC REGION CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO -- The USDA, NASS, Pacific Regional Office today released the crop production forecast for August. The latest survey, conducted during the last week of July and the first week of August, included the following commodities:

Cotton - Upland cotton production in California is forecast at 360 thousand bales, a decrease of 29 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 109 thousand acres, resulting in a yield of 1,585 pounds per acre. California's American Pima cotton production forecast is 550 thousand bales, down 27 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 169 thousand acres, resulting in a yield of 1,562 pounds per acre.

Other Crops - The rice production forecast is 45.7 million cwt., up 1 percent from 2012; alfalfa hay is 6.30 million tons, down 4 percent; other hay is 1.75 million tons, down 19 percent; corn for grain is 904 thousand tons, down 3 percent; sugar beets are 1.10 million tons, up 2 percent; dry beans are 1.14 million cwt., down 13 percent; oats are 27.2 thousand tons, 24 percent below 2012. Barley is 43.2 thousand tons, down 59 percent from 2012.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. Late summer and fall harvests may change these forecasts considerably. The next production forecast will be issued September 12, 2013.

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