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PACIFIC REGION SEPTEMBER CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

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

Oranges, Navel – The initial 2014-15 Navel orange forecast is 81.0 million cartons. Of the total Navel orange forecast, 78.0 million cartons are estimated to be in the Central Valley. Survey data indicated a fruit set per tree of 333, above the five-year average of 328. The average September 1 diameter was low at 2.205, below the five-year average of 2.256.

Cotton - Upland cotton production in California is forecast at 215 thousand bales, down 35 percent from the 2013 crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 59.0 thousand acres, down 36 percent from a year ago. Yield is forecast at a record high 1,749 pounds per acre, up 6 percent from last month. The forecast for American Pima cotton production is 510 thousand bales, down 16 percent from the 2013 crop. Harvested acreage is forecast at 154 thousand acres, down 17 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,590 pounds per acre.

Rice - All rice production in California for 2014 is forecast at 36.8 million cwt., down 23 percent from the previous year. The yield forecast is 8,600 pounds per acre, up 2 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. If realized, this will tie the record high yield in 2004 and 2009. Planted and harvested acreages are forecast at 433 thousand and 428 thousand acres, respectively. As of September 1, nearly all of the rice acres had headed.

Corn - Corn for grain production in California for 2014 is forecast at 539 thousand tons, down 45 percent from last year's crop, but up 3 percent from the August forecast. With harvested acreage forecast at 110 thousand acres, the yield is 4.90 tons per acre. Compared with the 2013 crop year, harvested acreage is down 39 percent and the yield is down 10 percent.

Sugarcane – The 2014 production of sugarcane in Hawaii is forecast at 1.43 million tons, up 2 percent from the previous year, and unchanged from the August forecast. Harvested acreage is estimated at 19.0 thousand acres, up 7 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 75.0 tons per acre.

Sugarbeets - The 2014 California sugarbeet production is forecast at 1.12 million tons, unchanged from the August forecast, but up 3 percent from last season. With harvested acreage forecast at 25.0 thousand acres, the yield is 44.6 tons 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 October 10, 2014.

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