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PACIFIC REGION CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO -- The USDA-NASS, Pacific Regional 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 – In California, Upland cotton is forecast at 220 thousand bales, up 2 percent from last month's forecast, and down 34 percent from last year. Pima cotton in California is forecast at 510 thousand bales with 154 thousand acres, the resulting yield is 1,590 pounds per acre. As of the beginning of October, cotton fields were in the final stages of harvest preparation.

Oranges - The 2014-15 California orange crop is forecast at 101 million cartons. California's Navel orange forecast is 81.0 million cartons. Harvest is expected to begin in late October or early November. California's Valencia orange forecast is 20.0 million cartons.

Others Crops – The grapefruit forecast is 8.0 million cartons; lemon forecast is 38.0 million cartons; tangerine and mandarin forecast is 32.0 million cartons; pecan production forecast is 4.2 million pounds. The corn for grain production forecast is 493 thousand tons, down 50 percent from 2013; alfalfa hay production is forecast at 6.60 million tons, up 8 percent from 2013; other hay production is projected at 1.50 million tons, down 19 percent; dry edible bean production is expected to be 1.14 million cwt. in California, down 1 percent; the rice crop forecast is 36.4 million cwt., down 24 percent and the sunflower forecast is 46.9 million pounds, down 38 percent from last year. Sugarbeet forecast is 1.09 million tons, up 1 percent from 2013.

The Nevada alfalfa hay production is forecast at 950 thousand tons, up slightly from 2013.

The Hawaii sugarcane production forecast is 1.43 million tons, up 2 percent from the previous year, and unchanged from the August forecast.

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 10, 2014.

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