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PACIFIC REGION CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

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

Cotton - Upland cotton production in California is forecast at 180 thousand bales, a decrease of 16 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 50 thousand acres, resulting in a yield of 1,728 pounds per acre. California's American Pima cotton production forecast is 350 thousand bales, down 30 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 109 thousand acres, resulting in a yield of 1,541 pounds per acre.

Apples - California's 2015 apple crop forecast is 110 thousand tons, down 8 percent from 2014.

Grapes - California's wine type grape production is forecast at 4.00 million tons, up 3 percent from 2014 and represents 56 percent of California's total grape crop. California's raisin type grape production is forecast at 2.00 million tons, up 13 percent from last year and represents 28 percent of California's total grape crop. California's table type grape production is forecast at 1.20 million tons, up 3 percent from the previous year.

Pears - The forecast of the 2015 Bartlett pear crop in California is 159 thousand tons, up 3 percent from last year. The 2015 other pear forecast for California is 41 thousand tons, up 17 percent from 2014.

Peaches - The forecast of the 2015 peach crop in California is 559 thousand tons, a decrease of 10 percent from last year. The 2015 Clingstone peach forecast for California is 306 thousand tons, down 8 percent from 2014. The 2015 Freestone peach forecast for California is 253 thousand tons, down 12 percent from 2014.

Other Crops - The rice production forecast is 31.9 million cwt., down 14 percent from 2014; alfalfa hay is 4.51 million tons, down 21 percent; other hay is 1.37 million tons, down 20 percent; corn for grain is 328 thousand tons, down 25 percent; sugar beets are 1.12 million tons, up 12 percent; dry beans are 978 thousand cwt., down 6 percent; oats are 14.4 thousand tons, 10 percent below 2014 and a 134 year low. Barley is 42.0 thousand tons, down 4 percent from 2014. Winter Wheat production in 2015 was 371 thousand tons, down 14 percent from 2014. Durum Wheat is 189 thousand tons, up from 78.8 thousand tons in 2014.

Nevada alfalfa hay production is forecast at 1.13 million tons, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Hawaii sugarcane forecast is 1.47 million tons, a 12 percent increase from 2014. Hawaii coffee production is estimated at 7.50 million pounds (parchment basis) for the 2014-2015 season, down 11 percent from the previous season. Area harvested totaled 7,800 acres, down 400 acres from the previous year.

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 September 11, 2015.

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