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PACIFIC REGION CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO, CA - The USDA-NASS, Pacific Regional Office today released the crop production forecast for January. The latest survey, conducted during the last week of December 2015, and the first week of January 2016, included the commodities:

Cotton - American Pima production is estimated at 356 thousand bales for 2015, down 29 percent from 2014. Harvested acreage is estimated at 114 thousand acres. The resulting yield is 1,499 pounds per acre. Upland production is estimated at 175 thousand bales, down 18 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 46.0 thousand acres. The yield calculates to 1,826 pounds per acre.

Oranges - The 2015 - 2016 California Navel orange forecast is 84.0 million cartons, down 2 percent from the October forecast, but up 6 percent from last season's crop. The 2015-16 navel orange harvest began in late October. The 2015 - 2016 Valencia orange forecast is 20.0 million cartons, up 5 percent from the 2014-15 crop, and up 5 percent the October forecast.

Lemons - The 2015 - 2016 California lemon forecast is 40.0 million cartons, up 3 percent from the October forecast but down 2 percent from last season's final production.

Tangerines - The 2015 - 2016 California tangerine forecast (including mandarins and tangelos) is 42.0 million cartons. Production is up 15 percent from last season's crop, and up 11 percent from the October forecast.

Grapefruit - The 2015 - 2016 California grapefruit forecast is 7.40 million cartons, up 6 percent from the October forecast but down 3 percent from last season's crop.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. The next production forecast will be issued February 9, 2016.