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DECEMBER CROP PRODUCTION

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NEW MEXICO: Upland cotton yields are forecast at 952 pounds per acre with 63,000 acres expected to be harvested. American-pima yields are forecast at 832 pounds per acre with producers expecting to harvest 3,000 acres. Pecan production is forecast at 56 million pounds down from the 2009 high bearing year in the alternating cycle. Dry edible bean production is forecast at 279,000 cwt. with 12,500 acres expected to be harvested.

UNITED STATES: Upland cotton harvested area is expected to total 9.56 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 9 percent from 2010. If realized, the abandonment rate will be the highest on record. American Pima harvested area, at 287,500 acres, was carried forward from last month. Potato production in 2011 from all seasons is forecast at 426 million cwt, 5 percent above 2010. Harvested area, at 1.07 million acres, is virtually unchanged from the November forecast but up 7 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 397 cwt per acre, down 4 cwt per acre from the previous year. Dry edible bean production is forecast at 19.7 million cwt for 2011, down 38 percent from 2010. Planted area is estimated at 1.21 million acres, down 37 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.15 million acres, 38 percent below the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,719 pounds per acre, a decrease of 7 pounds from 2010.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production for Selected States and United States, 2010 and Forecasted December 1, 2011

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011
				Nov 1	Dec 1		
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		----- Pounds -----			----- 1,000 Cwt -----	
Dry Beans							
NM	13.8	12.5	2,330	---	2,230	322	279
TX	19.0	13.0	1,210	---	1,000	229	130
US	1,842.7	1,147.5	1,726	---	1,719	31,801	19,729
Pecans				----- Pounds -----		----- 1,000 Pound -----	
AZ	---	---	---	---	---	22,000	21,000
NM	---	---	---	---	---	66,000	56,000
TX	---	---	---	---	---	70,000	40,000
US	---	---	---	---	---	293,740	251,700
Upland Cotton				----- Pounds -----		----- 1,000 Bales <u>1</u> / -----	
AZ	193.0	248.0	1,517	1,510	1,510	610.0	780.0
NM	47.0	63.0	1,174	952	952	115.0	125.0
TX	5,350.0	3,200.0	703	578	555	7,840.0	3,700.0
US	10,497.0	9,562.0	805	781	757	17,600.0	15,090.0
Amer-Pima Cotton							
AZ	2.5	11.0	845	873	873	4.4	20.0
NM	2.7	3.0	836	832	832	4.7	5.2
TX	16.5	14.5	902	894	894	31.0	27.0
US	201.7	287.5	1,200	1,231	1,231	504.1	737.2
Potatoes				----- Cwt -----		----- 1,000 Cwt -----	
CO	59.1	58.3	389	---	393	22,971	22,919
US	1,008.0	1,073.9	401	---	397	404,273	426,421

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned. Yield reported in pounds per acre; production in bales (480 lb. net wt.).

NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in New Mexico during October totaled 697 million pounds, up 7 percent from October 2010. Production per cow averaged 2,100 pounds for October, 45 pounds above October 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the state was 382,000 head, 14,000 head more than October 2010.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from October 2010. September revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 1.9 percent from September 2010. The September revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,787 pounds for October, 20 pounds above October 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 111,000 head more than October 2010, and 10,000 head more than September 2011.

Milk Cows and Production: September 2011 and October 2010 - 2011

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Milk per Cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}		
	09/11	10/10	10/11	09/11	10/10	10/11	09/11	10/10	10/11
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	189	183	192	1,765	1,825	1,865	334	334	358
CA	1,778	1,752	1,779	1,865	1,910	1,925	3,316	3,346	3,425
CO	130	122	131	1,930	1,975	1,955	251	241	256
NM	331	318	332	2,020	2,055	2,100	669	653	697
TX	435	415	435	1,780	1,775	1,860	774	737	809
23 STS ^{3/}	8,473	8,372	8,483	1,741	1,767	1,787	14,750	14,796	15,161

^{1/} Includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves. ^{3/} Includes AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WI.

CATTLE ON FEED

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on November 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above November 1, 2010. This is the second highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.40 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 805,000, 600-699 pounds were 600,000, 700-799 pounds were 501,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.79 million, 3 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	11/01/10	10/01/10	11/1/11	-----DURING-----								
				10/10	09/11	10/11	10/10	09/11	10/11	10/10	09/11	10/11
	----- 1,000 Head -----											
AZ	251	280	292	32	19	32	20	21	19	1	1	1
CO	1,090	1,070	1,140	270	275	230	170	185	155	10	10	5
TX	2,820	2,950	3,030	640	560	570	445	490	460	15	20	30
Oth Sts	414	419	446	85	110	99	51	58	64	2	2	8
US	11,497	11,312	11,924	2,505	2,469	2,491	1,734	1,813	1,786	62	74	93

^{1/} Other states include New Mexico.

COTTON GINNINGS

NEW MEXICO: Running bales ginned prior to December 1, 2011 for all cotton totaled 32,900 bales, up 25 percent from 2010.

UNITED STATES: Ginnings totaled 11,702,500 running bales prior to December 1, compared with 13,169,600 running bales ginned prior to the same date last year.

**Running Bales Ginned by Crop - States and United States: December 1, 2010-2011
[Excluding linters]**

Type and State	Running Bales Ginned	
	2010	2011
All Cotton		
AZ	247,500	275,400
CA	449,200	580,500
NM	26,300	32,900
TX	5,100,600	3,098,800
U.S.	13,169,600	11,702,500
American-Pima		
AZ	700	4,650
CA	225,800	288,700
NM	3,300	(¹)
TX	14,250	(¹)
U.S.	244,050	312,100

FARM LABOR

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 19,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona (Mountain Region III) during the week of Oct 9 -15, 2011, two thousand more than Oct 10 -16, 2010. Average hours worked by all hired workers increased to 49.1 hours a week compared to 47.1 hours last year. Wage rates for field workers were down 66 cents to \$8.77 an hour from the previous Oct's \$9.43 an hour. Livestock worker wages were up 48 cents to \$10.55 an hour from \$10.07 in Oct 2010. Overall, average wage rates for all hired agricultural workers were \$10.10 an hour.

UNITED STATES: There were 1,141,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 9-15, 2011, down 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 828,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 313,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.15 per hour during the October 2011 reference week, up 2 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.54 per hour, up 5 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.67 per hour compared with \$10.28 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.57 per hour, was up 14 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.6 for hired workers during the survey week, down

**Selected Regions and U.S., October 2010-2011 ^{1/}
Workers on Farms, Hours Worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers**

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	Oct 10-16 2010	Oct 09-15 2011	Oct 10-16 2010	Oct 09-15 2011	Oct 10-16 2010	Oct 09-15 2011	Oct 10-16 2010	Oct 09-15 2011
Workers on Farms	-----Thousands-----							
All Hired Workers	19	18	17	19	52	45	827	828
Hours Worked	-----Hours Per Week-----							
All Hired Workers	42.0	41.1	47.1	49.1	42.0	41.0	41.7	41.6
Wages By Work	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Field	10.91	10.90	9.43	8.77	9.68	9.53	10.49	10.54
Livestock	11.01	10.22	10.07	10.55	10.01	11.03	10.28	10.67
Field & Livestock	10.95	10.60	9.75	9.50	9.85	10.10	10.43	10.57
All Workers	11.95	11.36	10.45	10.10	10.30	10.78	11.13	11.15

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES RECEIVED

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa hay prices for November averaged \$309.00 per ton, while All Hay prices averaged \$302.00 per ton. Alfalfa prices were up \$14.00 from the previous month while Hay prices increased by the same amount. The November monthly milk price decreased by \$0.20 to \$17.90 per hundredweight from the October price of \$18.10.

Prices Received by Farmers: Selected Commodities, October 2011 and November 2010 - 2011

Commodity	Unit	New Mexico			U.S. ^{1/}
		November 2010 ^{1/}	October 2011 ^{2/}	November 2011 ^{1/}	November 2011
-----Dollars-----					
CROPS					
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	-	-	-	11.00
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	-	-	-	0.941
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	-	8.26
Hay, all baled	Ton	160.00	288.00	302.00	176.00
Alfalfa, baled	Ton	165.00	295.00	309.00	198.00
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	-	0.330
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	6.00
Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	7.33
LIVESTOCK					
Cows	Cwt.	51.50	-	-	65.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	101.00	-	-	125.00
Calves	Cwt.	125.00	-	-	152.00
Milk	Cwt.	17.90	18.10	17.90	19.90

^{1/} Mid-month ^{2/} Entire month ^{3/} October - entire month