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## CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 2015

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 77,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 8 percent from the November 1 forecast but up 6 percent from last year's crop.

**Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 30,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 61,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 5 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 976 pounds per acre, down 112 pounds from the November 1 forecast but up 45 pounds from last year. As of November 29, 91 percent of the acreage had been harvested, compared with 48 percent last year and 70 percent for the 5-year average. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 7,300 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 16,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 8,400 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 1,052 pounds per acre, unchanged from the November 1 forecast and up 291 pounds from last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 13.0 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from last month and down 20 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 768 pounds per harvested acre, down 70 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 12.6 million 480-pound bales, down 20 percent from 2014. Pima cotton production, forecast at 451,000 bales, was carried forward from last month.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).