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## CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2016

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 100,000 480-lb bales, according to the September 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 28 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 37 percent from last year's crop.

**Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 40,000 acres, up 9,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 85,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 42 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,020 pounds per acre, down 20 pounds from the August 1 forecast but up 91 pounds from last year. As of August 28, 40 percent of upland cotton bolls had opened, compared with 22 percent last year and the five-year average of 13 percent. The cotton crop was rated 3 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 33 percent good, and 8 percent excellent as of August 28. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 7,700 acres, up 800 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 15,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 13,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 935 pounds per acre, up 17 pounds from the August 1 forecast and 31 pounds more than last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**All cotton** production is forecast at 16.1 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from August and up 25 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 802 pounds per harvested acre, up 36 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.6 million 480-pound bales, up 25 percent from 2015. Pima cotton production is forecast at 562,000 bales, up 30 percent from last year.

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