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NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 153,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is unchanged from the November 1 forecast and up 21 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 65,000 acres, up 19,000 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 140,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 24 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,034 pounds per acre, unchanged from the November 1 forecast but down 145 pounds from last year. As of November 25, 68 percent of the upland cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 71 percent last year and 73 percent for the 5-year average. **Pima cotton** estimates are carried forward from the September 1 forecast. Harvested acreage is estimated at 6,900 acres, down 500 acres from last year. Producers expect to harvest 13,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 13,300 bales last year, and Pima yield is forecast at 904 pounds per acre, up 41 pounds from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 18.6 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from November but down 11 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 860 pounds per harvested acre, up 8 pounds from last month but down 45 pounds from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 17.8 million 480-pound bales, down 12 percent from 2017. **Pima cotton** production, forecast at 771,000 bales, was carried forward from an earlier forecast.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.