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NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 125,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 5 percent from the November 1 forecast but down less than one-half percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 45,000 acres, down 11,000 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 115,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 1 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at a record 1,227 pounds per acre, up 54 pounds from the November 1 forecast, up 250 pounds from last year, and 48 pounds above the previous record yield set in 2017. As of November 24, 79 percent of the upland cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 67 percent last year and 69 percent for the 5-year average. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 5,400 acres, down 1,400 acres from last year. Producers expect to harvest 10,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 11,500 bales last year, and Pima yield is forecast at 889 pounds per acre, up 77 pounds from last year.

Pecan production in New Mexico is forecast at a record high 97.00 million pounds, unchanged from the October forecast and up 6 percent from the 2018 season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 20.2 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from the previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 775 pounds per harvested acre, down 24 pounds from the previous forecast and down 89 pounds from 2018. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 19.5 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from the previous forecast but up 11 percent from 2018. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 726,000 bales, down 3 percent from the previous forecast and down 9 percent from 2018. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 12.5 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 23 percent from 2018.

Pecan production is forecast at 261 million pounds (utilized, in-shell basis), down 7 percent from the previous forecast, but up 13 percent for comparable States in 2018. Improved varieties are expected to produce 242 million pounds or 93 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 19.5 million pounds, making up the remaining 7 percent of production. Beginning in 2019, pecan estimates were discontinued in Alabama, California, and Louisiana.

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