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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2020

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 95,000 480-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 down 14 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 10 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 35,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 75,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 3 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,029 pounds per acre, down 111 pounds from the August 1 forecast but up 208 pounds from last year. As of August 30, 11 percent of upland cotton bolls had opened, compared with 6 percent last year and the five-year average of 19 percent. The cotton crop was rated 5 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 54 percent fair, 15 percent good, and 5 percent excellent as of August 30. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 10,800 acres, up 5,800 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 20,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 9,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 889 pounds per acre, down 53 pounds from the August 1 forecast but 25 pounds more than last year.

Peanut production for 2020 is forecast at 19.22 million pounds, up 27 percent from the 15.09 million pounds produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 3,100 pounds per acre, down from 3,210 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 6,200 acres this year, up 1,500 acres from last year. As of August 30, New Mexico's peanut crop condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 33 percent fair, and 42 percent good.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 17.1 million 480-pound bales, down 6 percent from the previous forecast and down 14 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average a record high 910 pounds per harvested acre, down 28 pounds from the previous forecast but up 87 pounds from 2019. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 16.5 million 480-pound bales, down 6 percent from the previous forecast and down 14 percent from 2019. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 559,000 bales, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 18 percent from 2019. All cotton harvested area is forecast at 9.01 million acres, down 3 percent from the previous forecast and down 22 percent from 2019. All cotton planted area totaled 12.1 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 12 percent from 2019.

Peanut production is forecast at 6.79 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous forecast and up 24 percent from 2019. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data. Planted area, at 1.67 million acres is up 10 percent from the previous estimate, and up 17 percent from the 2019 planted area. Area harvested is expected to total 1.62 million acres, up 10 percent from the previous forecast and up 17 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of September 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 4,185 pounds per acre, down 33 pounds per acre from the previous forecast but up 236 pounds per acre from 2019.

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