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## CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 2020

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 87,000 480-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 1 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 December 1, producers expect to harvest 70,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 9 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 960 pounds per acre, down 69 pounds from the November 1 forecast but up 139 pounds from last year. As of November 29, 83 percent of the upland cotton crop had been harvested. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 10,800 acres, up 5,800 acres from last year. Producers expect to harvest 17,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 9,000 bales last year, and Pima yield is forecast at 756 pounds per acre, down 108 pounds from last year.

**Pecan** production in New Mexico is forecast at 77.00 million pounds, down 10 percent from the October forecast and down 12 percent from the 2019 season.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**All cotton** production is forecast at 15.9 million 480-pound bales, down 7 percent from the previous forecast and down 20 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 850 pounds per harvested acre, down 61 pounds from the previous forecast but up 27 pounds from 2019. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 15.4 million 480-pound bales, down 7 percent from the previous forecast and down 20 percent from 2019. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 554,000 bales, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 19 percent from 2019. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 9.01 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 22 percent from 2019.

**Pecan** production is forecast at 307 million pounds (utilized, in-shell basis), up 5 percent from the previous forecast and up 20 percent from 2019. Improved varieties are expected to produce 291 million pounds or 95 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 15.1 million pounds, making up the remaining 5 percent of production.

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