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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2021

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, all cotton production in New Mexico is expected to total 77,000 480-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 24 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 8 percent from last year’s crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 28,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 57,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, unchanged from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 977 pounds per acre, up 17 pounds per acre from the August 1 forecast but down 75 pounds per acre from last year. As of August 29, 69 percent of upland cotton was setting bolls, compared with 90 percent last year and the five-year average of 76 percent. The cotton crop was rated 19 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 9 percent excellent as of August 29. Pima cotton harvested acreage is estimated at 12,200 acres, up 1,700 acres from last year and the highest harvested acreage since 12,500 acres were harvested in 2006. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 20,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 14,500 bales last year, and the highest production since 2006. Pima yield is forecast at 787 pounds per acre, down 173 pounds per acre from the August 1 forecast but 124 pounds per acre more than last year.

Peanut production for 2021 is forecast at 34.10 million pounds, up 137 percent from the 14.40 million pounds produced a year earlier and the highest production since 2006. Yields are expected to average 3,100 pounds per acre, up from 3,000 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 11,000 acres this year, up 6,200 acres from last year, and the highest since 12,000 acres were harvested in 2006. As of August 29, New Mexico’s peanut crop condition was rated 9 percent poor, 32 percent fair, and 59 percent good.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 18.5 million 480-pound bales, up 7 percent from the previous forecast and up 27 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 895 pounds per harvested acre, up 95 pounds from the previous forecast and up 48 pounds from 2020. Upland cotton production is forecast at 18.2 million 480-pound bales, up 8 percent from the previous forecast and up 29 percent from 2020. Pima cotton production is forecast at 335,000 bales, down 10 percent from the previous forecast and down 39 percent from 2020. All cotton planted area totaled 11.2 million acres, down 5 percent from the previous forecast and down 7 percent from 2020. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 9.92 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous forecast but up 20 percent from 2020. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.

Peanut production is forecast at 6.35 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous forecast but up 3 percent from 2020. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data. Planted area, at 1.58 million acres is down 3 percent from the previous estimate and down 5 percent from the 2020 planted area. Area harvested is expected to total 1.53 million acres, down 3 percent from the previous forecast and down 5 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of September 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 4,141 pounds per acre, down 42 pounds per acre from the previous forecast but up 345 pounds per acre from 2020.

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