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CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 2021

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 73,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 6 percent from the November 1 forecast but up 2 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 December 1, producers expect to harvest 55,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 4 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 943 pounds per acre, down 86 pounds per acre from the November 1 forecast and down 109 pounds per acre from last year. As of November 28, 64 percent of the upland cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 81 percent last year. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 12,200 acres, up 1,700 acres from last year. Producers expect to harvest 18,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 14,500 bales last year, and Pima yield is forecast at 708 pounds per acre, up 45 pounds from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**All cotton** production is forecast at 18.3 million 480-pound bales, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast, and up 25 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 885 pounds per harvested acre, up 5 pounds from the previous forecast and up 38 pounds from 2020. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 17.9 million 480-pound bales, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 27 percent from 2020. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 374,000 bales, up 8 percent from the previous forecast but down 32 percent from 2020. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 9.92 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 20 percent from 2020.

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