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## CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Each September, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has the opportunity to revise planted and harvested acreage estimates for chickpeas, corn, cotton, dry edible peas, lentils, peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans, and sugarbeets due to the completeness of the data for these crops. Revisions are based on all available data, including the latest certified acreage data from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). As such, **corn** planted area in New Mexico is estimated at 125,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from the June *Acreage* report but up 25,000 acres from 2022. Harvested area, forecast at 60,000 acres, is down 2,000 acres from June but up 24,000 acres from last year.

Based on September 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 72,000 480-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 31 percent from the August 1 forecast but down 18 percent from last year's crop.

**Upland cotton** planted area is estimated at 32,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from the June *Acreage* report and down 34,000 acres from 2022. Harvested area, forecast at 22,000 acres, is down 2,000 from last month and down 8,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 42,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 30 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 916 pounds per acre, up 76 pounds from the August 1 forecast but down 44 pounds from last year. As of September 3, bolls were setting on 68 percent of the cotton crop, compared with 76 percent last year and the 5-year average of 77 percent. Overall, the cotton crop was rated 8 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 17 percent good, and 36 percent excellent. **American-Pima cotton** planted area is estimated at 16,500 acres, up 6,500 acres from the June *Acreage* report but down 2,500 acres from 2022. Harvested area, forecast at 16,100 acres, is up 6,300 acres from June but down 2,700 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 30,000 480-lb bales of American-Pima cotton, compared with 28,000 bales last year. American-Pima yield is forecast at 894 pounds per acre, up 257 pounds from the August 1 forecast and 179 pounds above last year.

**Peanut** production for 2023 is forecast at 29.16 million pounds, up 80 percent from the August 1 forecast and 82 percent above the 16.00 million pounds produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 2,700 pounds per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up from 2,500 pounds last year. Peanut planted area is estimated at 11,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from the June *Acreage* report and up 3,700 acres from 2022. Harvested area, forecast at 10,800 acres, is up 4,800 from June and up 4,400 acres from last year. As of September 3, the peanut crop was rated 25 percent poor, 50 percent fair, and 25 percent good. Pegging was evident across 86 percent of the peanut crop.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** production for grain is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 10 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 173.8 bushels per harvested acre, down 1.3 bushels from the previous forecast but up 0.5 bushel from last year. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data. Total planted area, at 94.9 million acres, is up 1 percent from the previous estimate and up 7 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.1 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 10 percent from the previous year.

**All cotton** production is forecast at 13.1 million 480-pound bales, down 6 percent from the previous forecast and down 9 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 786 pounds per harvested acre, up 7 pounds from the previous forecast but down 164 pounds from 2022. Upland cotton production is forecast at 12.8 million 480-pound bales, down 7 percent from the previous forecast and down 9 percent from 2022. Pima cotton production is forecast at 356,000 bales, up 33 percent from the previous forecast but down 24 percent from 2022. All cotton planted area totaled 10.2 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous forecast and down 26 percent from 2022. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 8.02 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2022.

**Peanut** production is forecast at 6.32 billion pounds in 2023, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 14 percent from 2022. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data. Planted area, at 1.65 million acres, is up 5 percent from the previous estimate and up 14 percent from 2022. Area harvested is expected to total 1.60 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous estimate and up 15 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 3,953 pounds per acre, down 94 pounds per acre from the previous forecast and down 66 pounds per acre from 2022.

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