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CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 2022

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 138,000 480-lb bales, according to the October 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 1 percent from the September 1 forecast but up 82 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 48,000 acres, up 22,000 acres from last year. As of October 1, producers expect to harvest 100,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 67 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,000 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds per acre from the September 1 forecast and down 108 pounds per acre from last year. As of October 2, 53 percent of the upland cotton crop had bolls opening, compared with 32 percent last year and 48 percent for the 5-year average. The cotton crop was rated 5 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 26 percent good, and 4 percent excellent as of October 2. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 18,500 acres, up 6,500 acres from last year and the highest harvested acreage since 19,400 acres were harvested in 1991. As of October 1, producers expect to harvest 38,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 16,000 bales last year, and the highest production since 1989. Pima yield is forecast at 986 pounds per acre, up 346 pounds per acre from last year.

New Mexico farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 125,000 acres of **alfalfa hay** this year, unchanged from 2021. Alfalfa production is forecast at 663,000 tons, up 6 percent from 2021. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 5.30 tons per acre, compared with last year's yield of 5.00 tons per acre and the August 1 forecast of 5.20 tons per acre.

Peanut production for 2022 is forecast at 21.30 million pounds, down 17 percent from the 25.64 million pounds produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 3,000 pounds per acre, up from 2,310 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 7,100 acres this year, down 4,000 acres from last year. As of October 2, New Mexico's peanut crop condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 75 percent fair, and 13 percent good.

Pecan production in New Mexico is forecast at 77.00 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2021 season. As of October 2, New Mexico's pecan crop condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 5 percent fair, 38 percent good, and 52 percent excellent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 13.8 million 480-pound bales, down less than 1 percent from the previous forecast, and down 21 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 842 pounds per harvested acre, down 1 pound from the previous forecast but up 23 pounds from 2021. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 13.3 million 480-pound bales, down less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 22 percent from 2021. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 468,000 bales, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 41 percent from 2021. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 7.88 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 23 percent from 2021.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2022 is forecast at 48.8 million tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast, and down 1 percent from 2021. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.16 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from the August forecast and down 0.07 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.5 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report, but up 1 percent from 2021.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 63.2 million tons, down 7 percent from the August forecast, and down 11 percent from 2021. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 1.75 tons per acre, down 0.13 ton from the August forecast and down 0.25 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 36.0 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report but up 2 percent from 2021.

Peanut production is forecast at 5.77 million pounds in 2022, down 1 percent from the previous forecast, and down 9 percent from 2021. Area harvested is expected to total 1.41 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 8 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of October 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 4,090 pounds per acre, down 55 pounds per acre from the previous forecast, and down 40 pounds per acre from 2021.

Pecan production is forecast at 291 million pounds, up 14 percent from 2021. Improved varieties are expected to produce 282 million pounds or 97 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 8.30 million pounds, making up the remaining 3 percent of production.

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