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CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 2022

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 165,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 10 percent from the November 1 forecast and up 117 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 December 1, producers expect to harvest 120,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 100 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,200 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from the November 1 forecast and up 92 pounds from last year. As of November 27, growers had harvested 60 percent of the upland cotton crop, compared with 62 percent last year. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 18,500 acres, up 6,500 acres from last year. Producers expect to harvest 45,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 16,000 bales last year, and Pima yield is forecast at 1,168 pounds per acre, up 528 pounds from last year.

Pecan production in New Mexico is forecast at 85.0 million pounds, up 10 percent from the October forecast and up 8 percent from the 2021 season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 14.2 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from the previous forecast, but down 19 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 868 pounds per harvested acre, up 13 pounds from the previous forecast and up 49 pounds from 2021. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 13.8 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from the previous forecast but down 20 percent from 2021. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 470,000 bales, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 42 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.

Pecan production is forecast at 280 million pounds, down 4 percent from previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2021. Improved varieties are expected to produce 274 million pounds or 98 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 5.92 million pounds, making up the remaining 2 percent of production.

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