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## CROP PRODUCTION – DECEMBER 1, 2023

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 85,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 12 percent from the November 1 forecast but down 3 percent from last year.

Harvested area of **upland cotton** is estimated at 22,000 acres, unchanged from last month but down 7,000 acres from 2022. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 55,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 8 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,200 pounds per acre, up 196 pounds from the November 1 forecast and up 207 pounds from last year. As of November 26, producers had harvested 63 percent of the upland cotton crop, compared with 58 percent last year. **Pima cotton** harvested area, forecast at 16,100 acres, is unchanged from last month but down 2,600 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 30,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 28,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 894 pounds per acre, unchanged from the November 1 forecast but 175 pounds above last year.

**Pecan** production in New Mexico for 2023 is forecast at 90.00 million pounds, up 20 percent from the 2022 season.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**All cotton** production is forecast at 12.8 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from the previous forecast and down 12 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 765 pounds per harvested acre, down 18 pounds from the previous forecast and down 185 pounds from 2022. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 12.4 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from the previous forecast and down 11 percent from 2022. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 331,000 bales, down 6 percent from the previous forecast and down 30 percent from 2022. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 8.02 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2022.

**Pecan** production is forecast at 252 million pounds, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 9 percent from 2022. Improved varieties are expected to produce 238 million pounds or 95 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 13.2 million pounds, making up the remaining 5 percent of production.

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