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CROP PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 70,000 480-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 down 3 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 37 percent from last year's 51,000 480-lb bale crop.

Planted area of **upland cotton** is estimated at 40,000 acres, unchanged from last month but up 8,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 27,000 acres, is unchanged from last month but up 10,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 50,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 117 percent from a year ago. Upland yield is forecast at 889 pounds per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 240 pounds from last year. As of September 1, bolls were opened across 17 percent of the cotton crop, compared with a 5-year average of 5 percent. Overall, the cotton crop was rated 3 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 18 percent good, and 24 percent excellent. **American-Pima cotton** planted area is estimated at 15,000 acres, unchanged from last month but down 2,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area, forecast at 14,000 acres, is unchanged from last month but down 2,800 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 20,000 480-lb bales of American-Pima cotton, compared with 28,000 bales last year. American-Pima yield is forecast at 686 pounds per acre, down 68 pounds from the August 1 forecast and 114 pounds below last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 14.5 million 480-pound bales, down 4 percent from the previous forecast but up 20 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 807 pounds per harvested acre, down 33 pounds from the previous forecast and down 92 pounds from 2023. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 14.0 million 480-pound bales, down 4 percent from the previous forecast but up 19 percent from 2023. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 547,000 bales, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but up 73 percent from 2023. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 8.63 million acres, up slightly from the previous forecast and up 34 percent from 2023. All cotton planted area totaled 11.2 million acres, up slightly from the previous forecast and up 9 percent from 2023.

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