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State Cotton Production 20 Percent More Than Last Year

Arizona's 239,000 acres of all cotton for harvest are expected to produce 666,000 bales, 20 percent above last year's production of 554,600 bales.

Arizona's Upland crop is forecast at 660,000 bales, harvested from 236,000 acres, unchanged from the November forecast, but 20 percent above the 2003 crop. As of December 1, yield is estimated at 1,342 pounds per acre, an increase of 103 pounds from last year.

Arizona's American-Pima yield is forecast at 960 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month, but 40 pounds more than last year. Production would be 6,000 bales, compared to 4,600 last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 3,000, compared to 2,400 last year.

The California Upland crop is forecast at 1.75 million bales, up 17 percent from the 2003 crop. California's Pima expected crop of 650,000 bales is up 75 percent from a year earlier.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at a record high 22.8 million bales, up 1 percent from November and 25 percent more than last year's production. Yield is expected to average a record high 828 pounds per acre, 10 pounds higher than last month and up 98 pounds from last year.

Upland cotton harvested area, at 13.0 million acres, is up 10 percent from last year, but unchanged from November. American-Pima harvested area, at 253,000 acres, is up 43 percent from 2003. American-Pima production is forecast at 720,000 bales, up 67 percent from 2003. Yield calculates to 1,366 pounds per harvested acre, up 196 pounds from last year.

Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Type, State, and United States, 2003 and Forecasted December 1, 2004

Type and State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production 1/	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
				Nov 1	Dec 1		
	1,000 Acres		Pounds			1,000 Bales 2/	
Upland							
AL	510.0	535.0	772	727	754	820.0	840.0
AZ	213.0	236.0	1,239	1,342	1,342	550.0	660.0
AR	945.0	920.0	916	1,028	1,070	1,804.0	2,050.0
CA	545.0	557.0	1,317	1,508	1,508	1,495.0	1,750.0
GA	1,290.0	1,260.0	785	686	686	2,110.0	1,800.0
LA	510.0	490.0	967	784	862	1,027.0	880.0
MS	1,090.0	1,090.0	934	960	1,000	2,120.0	2,270.0
MO	390.0	385.0	862	960	997	700.0	800.0
NM	38.0	64.0	884	938	938	70.0	125.0
NC	770.0	725.0	646	847	874	1,037.0	1,320.0
OK	170.0	195.0	616	714	714	218.0	290.0
SC	218.0	218.0	718	815	815	326.0	370.0
TN	530.0	540.0	806	844	862	890.0	970.0
TX	4,350.0	5,500.0	478	672	663	4,330.0	7,600.0
VA	85.0	81.0	674	889	889	119.4	150.0
Other States 3/	172.0	174.0	576	607	607	206.5	220.0
United States	11,826.0	12,970.0	723	808	818	17,822.9	22,095.0
Amer-Pima							
AZ	2.4	3.0	920	960	960	4.6	6.0
CA	149.0	219.0	1,194	1,425	1,425	370.5	650.0
NM	6.0	11.0	1,056	916	916	13.2	21.0
TX	20.0	20.0	1,056	1,032	1,032	44.0	43.0
United States	177.4	253.0	1,170	1,366	1,366	432.3	720.0
All							
United States	12,003.4	13,223.0	730	818	828	18,255.2	22,815.0

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ 480-lb. net weight bale.

3/ Other States include FL and KS. Individual State level estimates will be published in the "Crop Production 2004 Summary."

Citrus Fruits: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and Forecasted December 1, 2004 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production Boxes		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
	<i>1,000 Boxes 2/</i>		
Oranges, Early, Mid, and Navel 3/			
AZ 4/	200	300	270
CA 4/	42,000	38,000	46,000
FL	112,000	126,000	86,000
TX 4/	1,350	1,420	1,650
US	155,550	165,720	133,920
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ 4/	270	170	170
CA 4/	20,000	14,000	16,000
FL	91,000	116,000	82,000
TX 4/	220	230	250
US	111,490	130,400	98,420
All Oranges			
AZ 4/	470	470	440
CA 4/	62,000	52,000	62,000
FL	203,000	242,000	168,000
TX 4/	1,570	1,650	1,900
US	267,040	296,120	232,340
Temples			
FL	1,300	1,400	800
All Grapefruit			
AZ 4/	130	140	200
CA 4/	5,600	5,400	5,200
FL	38,700	40,900	13,000
TX 4/	5,650	5,700	5,900
US	50,080	52,140	24,300
Tangerines			
AZ 4/ 5/	430	690	500
CA 4/ 5/	2,800	2,700	2,900
FL	5,500	6,500	4,500
US	8,730	9,890	7,900
Lemons 4/			
AZ	3,000	3,000	2,400
CA	24,000	18,000	19,500
US	27,000	21,000	21,900
Tangelos			
FL	2,350	1,000	1,100

1/ The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year.

2/ Net lbs. per box: Oranges-AZ and CA-75, FL-90, TX-85; Grapefruit-AZ and CA-67, FL-85, TX-80; Lemons-76; Tangelos, Temples-90; Tangerines-AZ and CA-75, FL-95.

3/ Navel and miscellaneous varieties in AZ and CA. Early (including Navel) and midseason varieties in FL and TX. Small quantities of tangerines in TX.

4/ Estimates for current year carried forward from previous forecast.

5/ Includes tangelos & tangors.

Pecans: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2002-2003 and Forecasted December 1, 2004

State	Utilized Production		
	2002	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		
All Pecans			
AL	5,000	8,000	1,000
AZ	16,000	22,500	13,000
AR 1/	1,700	3,800	2,200
CA 1/	3,800	3,700	3,400
FL 1/	1,400	2,100	500
GA	45,000	75,000	40,000
KS 1/	2,900	2,000	2,500
LA	6,000	20,000	8,000
MS 1/	3,000	7,000	1,000
NM	36,000	55,000	37,000
NC 1/	1,900	2,500	700
OK	10,000	6,000	26,000
SC 1/	200	4,500	2,000
TX	40,000	70,000	40,000
US	172,900	282,100	177,300

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

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Greetings*



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*The holiday season is upon us and it is time to focus on families and friends and the blessings of living in a great country where freedoms and opportunities abound. From all of us at **AG STATISTICS**, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

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November Farm Prices Received Index Up 1 Point From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 114, based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point above October. The Crop Index remained unchanged from October while the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.9 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for tomatoes, eggs, hogs, strawberries, and grapes. Lower prices were received for lettuce, oranges, soybeans, corn, and cattle. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also

affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of dairy, cattle, and cotton offset decreed marketings of soybeans, peanuts, and potatoes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.7 percent) from November 2003. The Food Commodities Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent) from last month to 120. The index is unchanged from November 2003.

Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 134 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 1 point from October but 5 points (3.9 percent) above November 2003. Lower prices in

November for feeder cattle, complete feeds, feed concentrates, and feed grains, more than offset higher prices for self-propelled machinery, LP gas, feeder pigs, and nitrogen fertilizers.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and U.S., November 2003, October and November 2004

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	69.4	47.9	47.8	63.0	49.5	47.1
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	146.00	170.00	161.00	120.00	107.00	104.00
Durum Wheat 1/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	131.70	129.70	125.00
All Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	83.00	95.00	98.00	81.50	89.80	86.20
Alfalfa Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	83.00	95.00	98.00	86.80	97.80	94.00
Other Hay Baled 2/	\$ Ton	80.00	100.00	90.00	67.50	68.60	67.80
Lemons 3/	\$ Box	24.60	31.70	30.70	24.80	32.70	31.30
Oranges 3/	\$ Box	19.00	---	18.90	18.80	30.90	22.30
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	43.00	52.00	51.10	47.70	49.90	48.60
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	92.30	107.00	106.00	99.90	91.00	89.10
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	91.80	106.00	105.00	93.40	86.10	84.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	108.00	125.00	122.00	111.00	126.00	124.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	14.00	15.30	15.60	14.40	15.50	15.80

1/ Not available for Arizona.

2/ Mid-month.

3/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 pounds, Oranges 75 pounds.

4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2003		2004	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	113	116	113	114
Prices Paid	129	129	135	134
Ratio 1/	88	90	84	85

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.