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Arizona's Cotton Production Forecast Decreased from October

Arizona's all cotton production as of November 1 is forecast at 658,000 bales, 4 percent lower than the October 1 forecast and 10 percent lower than the final 2004 production. Acres for harvest, at 243,000, are up 2,000 acres from 2004. All cotton yield, at 1,300 pounds per acre, is down 151 pounds from last year.

Arizona's 239,000 acres of upland cotton for harvest are expected to produce 650,000 bales, down 30,000 bales from last month, and 73,000 bales less than last year. The crop is expected to yield 1,305 pounds per acre, down 153 pounds from the previous season. California upland cotton is forecast at 1.15 million bales, down 36 percent from a year earlier.

Arizona's 4,000 acres of American-Pima cotton for harvest are expected to produce 8,000 bales, unchanged from last month, but

up 2,400 bales from the 2004 production. This year's crop is expected to yield 960 pounds per acre, up 64 pounds from last year. California American-Pima is forecast at 570,000 bales, down 17 percent from a year earlier.

U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 23.2 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from the October forecast but slightly below last year's record high production. Yield is expected to average 813 pounds per acre, up 16 pounds from last month but down 42 pounds from 2004. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record, behind last year. The November area expected for harvest remains unchanged from last month at 13.7 million acres but is up 5 percent from 2004.

Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Type, State, and United States, 2004 and Forecasted November 1, 2005

Type and State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production 1/	
	2004	2005	2004	Oct 1, 2005	Nov 1, 2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 Bales 2/</i>	
Upland							
AL	540.0	545.0	724	722	766	814.0	870.0
AZ	238.0	239.0	1,458	1,366	1,305	723.0	650.0
AR	900.0	1,040.0	1,114	969	1,015	2,089.0	2,200.0
CA	557.0	433.0	1,543	1,330	1,275	1,790.0	1,150.0
FL	87.0	85.0	601	621	700	109.0	124.0
GA	1,280.0	1,210.0	674	762	793	1,797.0	2,000.0
KS	80.0	70.0	424	555	555	70.7	81.0
LA	490.0	600.0	867	880	928	885.0	1,160.0
MS	1,100.0	1,180.0	1,024	895	854	2,346.0	2,100.0
MO	378.0	435.0	1,054	872	960	830.0	870.0
NM	64.0	51.0	848	866	866	113.0	92.0
NC	725.0	810.0	900	800	812	1,360.0	1,370.0
OK	200.0	220.0	727	742	742	303.0	340.0
SC	214.0	263.0	875	721	785	390.0	430.0
TN	525.0	635.0	900	831	862	984.0	1,140.0
TX	5,350.0	5,500.0	694	663	681	7,740.0	7,800.0
VA	81.0	92.0	956	704	730	161.4	140.0
US	12,809.0	13,408.0	843	788	806	22,505.1	22,517.0
American-Pima							
AZ	3.0	4.0	896	960	960	5.6	8.0
CA	214.0	226.0	1,532	1,338	1,211	683.0	570.0
NM	10.5	11.0	869	916	916	19.0	21.0
TX	20.5	24.0	890	900	900	38.0	45.0
US	248.0	265.0	1,443	1,275	1,166	745.6	644.0
All							
US	13,057.0	13,673.0	855	797	813	23,250.7	23,161.0

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ 480-lb. net weight bales.

Regional Cotton Information

During early October, damp weather slowed harvesting and ginning progress in the Southeastern States. Harvest progress accelerated during the mid-month when sunny, cooler, and drier conditions returned. Some producers expressed concern that the early morning frost and low night temperatures would delay harvest progress, but by late month, harvesting was progressing at rapid pace and defoliation was virtually complete across the region. Objective yield measurements in Georgia show the highest boll count on record.

Cotton producers in the lower Delta region had excellent weather for harvesting during early and mid-October, with progress ahead of normal. By mid-month, defoliation was virtually complete throughout the region. In the upper Delta, a cold front brought sunny days during the latter part of the month, allowing harvest to advance in Missouri and Tennessee. Boll weight in Louisiana is slightly ahead of the 5-year average while the boll count is the highest of the last 10 years.

In the Southwest region, defoliation of the cotton crop around Lubbock, Texas, was nearing completion and harvest was beginning to increase across the region. Showers and thunderstorms during the

middle of the month delayed harvesting as producers waited for fields to dry. The warmer temperatures during the latter part of the month dried fields and producers resumed harvest. Data from objective yield measurements show Texas boll weights and boll count to be the second highest of the last 10 years. In Oklahoma and Kansas, harvesting was in full swing but behind normal.

In the San Joaquin Valley, ideal weather conditions allowed producers to expand defoliation and to begin harvesting. Producers were shredding and discing fields almost immediately after they finished picking. Objective yield measurements in California show the lowest boll weight in the last 5 years. A Pacific weather system moved through Arizona during the latter part of the month bringing showers and delaying harvest.

All cotton ginned totaled 8,697,200 running bales prior to November 1, compared to 8,757,950 running bales ginned by the same date last year and 7,392,800 running bales ginned in 2003.

Cottonseed: Production, United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted November 1, 2005

STATE	Production		
	2003	2004	2005 1/
US	6,664.6	<i>1,000 Tons</i> 8,242.1	8,302.0

1/ Based on a 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to November 1, by Crop, State, and United States, Crop Years 2002-2005

Crop And State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2002	2003	2004	2005
<u>All Cotton</u>				
AL	234,150	301,600	355,850	322,400
AZ	214,500	147,000	185,500	137,550
AR	832,700	928,650	1,019,100	1,355,950
CA	584,000	365,950	694,150	347,900
FL	16,800	41,450	36,250	22,400
GA	478,500	607,350	723,150	560,100
LA	474,400	823,850	605,550	904,700
MS	1,051,050	1,446,600	1,420,750	1,509,350
MO	309,000	261,150	383,150	491,050
NM	8,800	13,050	7,600	11,200
NC	275,900	208,100	560,000	382,700
OK	59,750	50,050	65,300	52,400
SC	34,750	70,700	160,750	96,350
TN	403,000	369,500	451,200	545,600
TX	1,689,000	1,740,600	2,041,350	1,909,800
VA	30,350	17,200	48,300	47,750
US	6,696,650	7,392,800	8,757,950	8,697,200
<u>American-Pima</u>				
AZ 1/				
CA	90,200		165,600	77,800
NM 1/				
TX		6,500	5,800	
US	104,600	59,350	173,350	80,000

1/ Withheld to avoid disclosing individual gins.

Corn Production Up 2 Percent from October

Corn production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 7 percent below 2004. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 148.4 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from October but 12.0 bushels below last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the second largest on record, behind last year. Of the major producing States, forecast yields are higher than last month in Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio,

and Wisconsin as producers realized larger than expected yields and late planted fields matured under favorable fall conditions. Yield prospects are still below last year in all major corn States, except Minnesota and Wisconsin where producers are experiencing record high yields.

Corn for Grain: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by State and United States, 2004 and Forecasted November 1, 2005

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2004	2005	2004	Oct 1, 2005	Nov 1, 2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>			<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
AL	195	190	123.0	115.0	112.0	23,985	21,280
AR	305	230	140.0	128.0	128.0	42,700	29,440
CA	150	155	175.0	155.0	155.0	26,250	24,025
CO	1,040	890	135.0	135.0	135.0	140,400	120,150
DE	153	150	152.0	137.0	135.0	23,256	20,250
GA	280	230	130.0	127.0	127.0	36,400	29,210
IL	11,600	11,950	180.0	145.0	145.0	2,088,000	1,732,750
IN	5,530	5,750	168.0	149.0	151.0	929,040	868,250
IA	12,400	12,450	181.0	173.0	175.0	2,244,400	2,178,750
KS	2,880	3,300	150.0	130.0	130.0	432,000	429,000
KY	1,140	1,160	152.0	127.0	131.0	173,280	151,960
LA	410	330	135.0	140.0	142.0	55,350	46,860
MD	425	400	153.0	140.0	142.0	65,025	56,800
MI	1,920	1,970	134.0	139.0	141.0	257,280	277,770
MN	7,050	6,800	159.0	160.0	171.0	1,120,950	1,162,800
MS	440	365	136.0	133.0	133.0	59,840	48,545
MO	2,880	2,950	162.0	105.0	108.0	466,560	318,600
NE	7,950	8,200	166.0	160.0	157.0	1,319,700	1,287,400
NJ	72	65	143.0	113.0	115.0	10,296	7,475
NM	58	45	180.0	180.0	180.0	10,440	8,100
NY	500	460	122.0	117.0	117.0	61,000	53,820
NC	740	690	117.0	120.0	125.0	86,580	86,250
ND	1,150	1,130	105.0	120.0	125.0	120,750	141,250
OH	3,110	3,220	158.0	141.0	143.0	491,380	460,460
OK	200	220	150.0	135.0	135.0	30,000	29,700
PA	980	880	140.0	123.0	123.0	137,200	108,240
SC	295	280	100.0	107.0	107.0	29,500	29,960
SD	4,150	3,950	130.0	118.0	123.0	539,500	485,850
TN	615	590	140.0	130.0	130.0	86,100	76,700
TX	1,680	1,800	139.0	120.0	120.0	233,520	216,000
VA	360	360	145.0	124.0	124.0	52,200	44,640
WA	105	85	200.0	200.0	205.0	21,000	17,425
WI	2,600	2,850	136.0	138.0	150.0	353,600	427,500
Oth Sts 1/	269	238	147.7	146.6	146.6	39,735	34,895
US	73,632	74,333	160.4	146.1	148.4	11,807,217	11,032,105

1/ Other States include AZ, FL, ID, MT, OR, UT, WV, and WY. Individual State level estimates will be published in the "Crop Production 2005 Summary."

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October Farm Prices Received Index Decreased 7 Points from Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 110, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 7 points (6.0 percent) from September. The Crop Index is down 11 points (9.8 percent) while the Livestock Index is unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for broilers, corn, eggs, and soybeans. Higher prices were received for cattle, sweet corn, wheat, and turkeys. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Decreased average marketings of dairy, sweet corn, grapes, and

wheat offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 4 points (3.5 percent) from October 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, decreased 6 points (5.0 percent) from last month and 3 points (2.5 percent) from October 2004.

Prices Paid Index Increased 1 Point

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 143 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from September and 7 points (5.1 percent) above October 2004. Higher

prices in October for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, LP gas, and feeder pigs offset lower prices for feed concentrates, complete feeds, feed grains, and gasoline.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, October 2004 and 2005 and September 2005

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		October 2004 Entire Month	September 2005 Entire Month	October 2005 Mid-Month	October 2004 Entire Month	September 2005 Entire Month	October 2005 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	42.20	1/	1/	50.60	44.30	46.90
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	170.00	---	149.00	107.00	96.00	89.40
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	129.00	113.33	108.33
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	95.00	120.00	120.00	100.00	107.00	106.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	26.70	28.10	27.20	25.60	28.80	27.10
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	52.00	51.10	48.80	49.80	49.80	47.70
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	107.00	102.00	103.00	91.10	92.30	96.00
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	106.00	101.00	102.00	86.50	88.20	90.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	125.00	123.00	121.00	126.00	133.00	132.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	15.30	15.10	15.70	15.60	15.30	15.40

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Marketing year August – February.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs.

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

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

8/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. October 2005 Fat test percent: all milk 3.71.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2004		2005	
	September	October	September	October
Prices Received	116	114	117	110
Prices Paid	135	136	142	143
Ratio 1/	86	84	82	77

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