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Arizona's Cotton Production Forecast Unchanged from October

Arizona's all cotton production as of November 1 is forecast at 535,500 bales, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but 6 percent lower than the final 2006 production. Acres for harvest, at 181,000, are down 14,000 acres from 2006. All cotton yield, at 1,420 pounds per acre, is up 18 pounds from last year.

Arizona's 178,000 acres of upland cotton for harvest are expected to produce 530,000 bales, unchanged from last month, but 26,000 bales less than last year. The crop is expected to yield 1,429 pounds per acre, up 9 pounds from the previous season. California upland cotton is forecast at 600,000 bales, down 23 percent from a year earlier.

Arizona's 3,000 acres of American-Pima cotton for harvest are expected to produce 5,500 bales, unchanged from last month, but down 7,900 bales from the 2006 production. This year's crop is expected to yield 880 pounds per acre, down 39 pounds from last year. California American-Pima is forecast at 750,000 bales, up 9 percent from a year earlier.

U.S. all Cotton production is forecast at 19.0 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month but down 12 percent from last year's 21.6 million bales. Yield is expected to average 864 pounds per harvested acre, up 5 pounds from last month and up 50 pounds from 2006. If realized, the yield will be the largest on record surpassing the previous record of 855 pounds per acre set in 2004. Harvested area of all cotton is expected to total 10.5 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 17 percent from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 18.2 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month but down 13 percent from last year. A record high yield of 850 pounds per acre is forecasted for upland cotton. Record yields are expected in Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. American-Pima production is forecast at a record high 831,500 bales, up 2 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. American-Pima harvested area is expected to total 289,000 acres, unchanged from last month but down 11 percent from 2006.

Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Type, State, and United States, 2006 and Forecasted December 1, 2007

Type and State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production 1/	
	2006	2007	2006	Nov 1, 2007	Dec 1, 2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Acres		Pounds			1,000 Bales 2/	
Upland							
AL	560.0	390.0	579	492	492	675.0	400.0
AZ	188.0	178.0	1,420	1,429	1,429	556.0	530.0
AR	1,160.0	850.0	1,045	1,056	1,062	2,525.0	1,880.0
CA	283.0	194.0	1,321	1,485	1,534	779.0	620.0
FL	101.0	82.0	789	585	644	166.0	110.0
GA	1,370.0	1,010.0	818	784	784	2,334.0	1,650.0
KS	110.0	45.0	511	533	533	117.0	50.0
LA	630.0	325.0	946	1,034	1,034	1,241.0	700.0
MS	1,220.0	655.0	829	975	975	2,107.0	1,330.0
MO	496.0	389.0	953	950	950	985.0	770.0
NM	48.0	44.0	930	1,124	1,124	93.0	103.0
NC	865.0	495.0	713	684	718	1,285.0	740.0
OK	180.0	165.0	541	844	873	203.0	300.0
SC	298.0	178.0	697	378	418	433.0	155.0
TN	695.0	495.0	945	601	596	1,368.0	615.0
TX	4,100.0	4,700.0	679	827	827	5,800.0	8,100.0
VA	104.0	59.0	717	748	830	155.4	102.0
US	12,408.0	10,254.0	806	845	850	20,822.4	18,155.0
American-Pima							
AZ	7.0	3.0	919	880	880	13.4	5.5
CA	274.0	257.0	1,204	1,401	1,438	687.0	770.0
NM	12.5	5.0	768	1,056	1,056	20.0	11.0
TX	30.0	24.0	720	900	900	45.0	45.0
US	323.5	289.0	1,136	1,348	1,381	765.4	831.5
All							
US	12,731.5	10,543.0	814	859	864	21,587.8	18,986.5

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ 480-lb. net weight bales.

Citrus Fruits: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and Forecasted December 1, 2007 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	2005-06	2006-07	Forecasted Dec 1, 2007-08
	1,000 Boxes 2/		
Oranges, Early, Mid, and Navel 3/			
AZ 4/	250	200	200
CA 4/	47,000	34,000	43,000
FL 5/	75,000	65,600	81,000
TX 4/	1,400	1,600	1,450
US	123,650	101,400	125,650
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ 4/	200	100	100
CA 4/	14,000	11,000	15,000
FL	72,700	63,400	87,000
TX 4/	200	380	350
US	87,100	74,880	102,450
All Oranges			
AZ 4/	450	300	300
CA 4/	61,000	45,000	58,000
FL	147,700	129,000	168,000
TX 4/	1,600	1,980	1,800
US	210,750	176,280	228,100
All Grapefruit			
AZ 4/	100	100	200
CA 4/	6,000	4,000	4,500
FL	19,300	27,200	25,000
TX 4/	5,200	7,100	6,800
US	30,600	38,400	36,500
Tangerines			
AZ 4/ 6/	550	300	400
CA 4/ 6/	3,600	2,900	4,700
FL	5,500	4,600	4,800
US	9,650	7,800	9,900
Lemons 4/			
AZ	3,800	2,500	1,500
CA	22,000	16,000	16,500
US	25,800	18,500	18,000

- 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/ Temples included beginning with 2006-07 season.
- 6/ Includes tangelos & tangors.

Pecans: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2005-2006 and Forecasted December 1, 2007

State	Utilized Production		
	2005	2006	2007
	1,000 Pounds		
AL	4,000	6,000	15,000
AZ	22,000	14,000	23,000
AR 1/	2,300	2,200	1,600
CA 1/	3,950	3,400	4,200
FL 1/	1,000	500	1,000
GA	80,000	42,000	110,000
KS 1/	3,200	2,000	200
LA	5,000	21,000	12,000
MS 1/	1,000	2,500	3,000
MO 1/	2,600	1,100	5
NM	65,000	46,000	71,000
NC 1/	2,000	500	600
OK	21,000	17,000	20,000
SC 1/	2,200	1,100	2,000
TX	65,000	47,000	70,000
US	280,250	206,300	333,605

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

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 January 11.....Cotton Ginnings
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Hired Workers Up 3 Percent, Wage Rates Up 4 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,122,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 7-13, 2007, up 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 806,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 316,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.33 per hour during the October 2007 reference week, up 37 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.62 per hour, up 36 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.98 per hour compared with \$9.42 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.72 per hour, was up 42 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 42.1 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up fractionally from a year ago.

The 2007 U.S. all hired worker annual average wage rate was \$10.21, up 3 percent from the 2006 annual average wage rate of \$9.87. The U.S. field worker annual average wage rate was \$9.40, up 34 cents from last year's annual average. The field and livestock worker combined annual average wage rate at the U.S. level was \$9.49, up 4 percent from last year's annual average wage rate of \$9.15.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates By Selected Region, 2006-2007 1/ 2/

Region	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Dollars per Hour		Dollars per Hour		Dollars per Hour	
Mountain I (ID, MT, WY)	9.25	9.24	8.77	8.50	8.76	8.74
Mountain II (CO, NV, UT)	9.36	10.03	8.42	9.23	8.64	9.42
Mountain III (AZ, NM)	8.91	9.37	7.78	8.26	8.27	8.70
Pacific (OR, WA)	10.37	10.69	9.68	9.87	9.77	9.94
CA	10.09	10.51	9.00	9.56	9.20	9.72
US 3/	9.87	10.21	9.06	9.40	9.15	9.49

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The 2007 annual average for all Regions and the U.S. is based on modeled data for January and survey data for April, July, and October.

3/ Excludes AK.



Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays to all the growers and agribusinesses of Arizona, and to all the University, State and Federal Agencies that provide services that make our mission a success. We would like to express our gratitude for your support to our survey operations. The real value of timely, accurate and unbiased agricultural statistics is evident in the high demand for our data products by individual farmers and ranchers, ag related industries, educational institutions, and other governmental agencies.

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 Increased 2 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 143 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.4 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.3 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for soybeans, eggs, corn, and broilers and lower prices were received for lettuce, hogs, cattle, and broccoli. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of milk, cattle, cotton,

and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and lettuce.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 24 points (20 percent) from November 2006. The Food Commodities Index, at 147, increased 2 points (1.4 percent) from last month and increased 27 points (23 percent) from November 2006.

Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 161 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point (0.6 percent) from October and 13 points (8.8 percent) above November 2006. Higher prices in

November for diesel fuel, complete feeds, and gasoline offset lower prices for feeder cattle, potash & phosphate materials, and hay & forages.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, November 2006 and 2007 and October 2007

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		November 2006 Entire Month	October 2007 Entire Month	November 2007 Mid-Month	November 2006 Entire Month	October 2007 Entire Month	November 2007 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	47.40	55.20	54.00
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	164.00	206.00	194.00	113.00	153.00	160.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	154.00	386.70	423.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	123.00	143.00	146.00	110.00	137.00	135.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	43.70	49.00	45.00	43.60	46.60	43.60
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	93.00	97.00	97.00	90.00	96.40	95.40
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	75.30	81.20	79.80	84.40	90.60	89.30
Calves	\$ Cwt	110.00	115.00	111.00	119.00	122.00	118.00
All Milk 7/	\$ Cwt	13.80	21.90	21.80	13.90	21.40	21.60

- 1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.
 2/ Marketing year August – February.
 3/ Not available for Arizona.
 4/ Mid-month.
 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
 6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.
 7/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2006		2007	
	October	November	October	November
Prices Received	115	119	141	143
Prices Paid	148	148	160	161
Ratio 1/	78	80	88	89

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