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Arizona's Cotton Production Decreased from 2007

Arizona's all cotton production for 2008 is estimated at 401,600 bales, 23 percent lower than the final 2007 production. All acres for harvest, at 133,800, are down 36,700 acres from 2007. All cotton yield, at 1,441 pounds per acre, is down 19 pounds from last year.

Upland cotton production is expected to total 400,000 bales, down 23 percent from the 2007 crop. If realized, this will be the lowest Arizona production since 1948. Yield is estimated at 1,444 pounds per acre, compared to 1,469 pounds per acre last year. Harvested acreage at 133,000 acres is down 35,000 acres from a year ago. This is the lowest harvested acreage since 1943. Arizona's 2008 American-Pima production is estimated at 1,600 bales, the lowest production since 1948. Harvested area is estimated at 800 acres for an average yield of 960 pounds per acre. This is the lowest acreage harvested since 1947 and the second lowest acreage ever harvested in Arizona.

Upland cotton production is estimated at 12.6 million 480-pound bales, down 4 percent from the December 1 forecast and down 31 percent from last year. The U.S. yield for upland cotton is estimated

at 799 pounds per acre, down 34 pounds from last month and down 65 pounds from last year's record high. Harvested area, at 7.56 million acres, is down slightly from last month and down 26 percent from last year. Upland planted area, estimated at 9.30 million acres, is down 12 percent from last year.

American-Pima producers planted 174,000 acres, down 40 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 169,400 acres, is down 41 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 446,600 bales (480-pound), up 1 percent from December but down 48 percent from last year's record high. The U.S. yield is estimated at 1,265 pounds per acre, up 11 pounds from December but down 154 pounds from last year. Producers were finished planting by the end of June. The crop developed normally throughout the summer and fall. Harvest got underway by late September and was complete by mid-December.

Arizona's cottonseed production for 2008 is estimated at 146,000 tons, down 20 percent from last year. U.S. cottonseed production is expected to total 4.43 million tons, down 33 percent from 2007.

Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Type, State, and United States, 2007-2008

Type and State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production 1/	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Bales 2/</i>	
Upland						
AL	385.0	287.0	519	836	416.0	500.0
AZ	168.0	133.0	1,469	1,444	514.0	400.0
AR	850.0	615.0	1,071	1,022	1,896.0	1,310.0
CA	194.0	117.0	1,608	1,518	650.0	370.0
FL	81.0	65.0	687	901	116.0	122.0
GA	995.0	920.0	801	840	1,660.0	1,610.0
KS	43.0	28.0	639	686	57.2	40.0
LA	330.0	240.0	1,017	560	699.0	280.0
MS	655.0	360.0	966	920	1,318.0	690.0
MO	379.0	303.0	968	1,061	764.0	670.0
NM	39.0	34.0	1,095	988	89.0	70.0
NC	490.0	428.0	767	864	783.0	770.0
OK	165.0	155.0	817	805	281.0	260.0
SC	158.0	134.0	486	896	160.0	250.0
TN	510.0	280.0	565	917	600.0	535.0
TX	4,700.0	3,400.0	843	649	8,250.0	4,600.0
VA	59.0	60.0	829	896	101.9	112.0
US	10,201.0	7,559.0	864	799	18,355.1	12,589.0
American-Pima						
AZ	2.5	0.8	883	960	4.6	1.6
CA	257.0	151.0	1,481	1,319	793.0	415.0
NM	4.6	2.6	856	1,108	8.2	6.0
TX	24.0	15.0	920	768	46.0	24.0
US	288.1	169.4	1,419	1,265	851.8	446.6
All						
US	10,489.1	7,728.4	879	810	19,206.9	13,035.6

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

2/ 480-lb. net weight bales.

Arizona Wheat Seedings

Arizona durum wheat seedings for 2009 are estimated at 110,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from 2008. Other wheat seedings at 7,000 acres are down 6,000 acres from last year.

Durum Wheat: Seedings in Arizona and California for 2009 harvest are estimated at 270,000 acres. This total is down 16 percent from the 2008 level. Planting is ongoing in California's San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys as well as western Arizona. Planted acreage is down 40,000 in Arizona and down 10,000 in California. No major problems with the crop have been reported.

Winter Wheat: Planted area for harvest in 2009 is estimated at 42.1 million acres, down 9 percent from 2008. Seeding began last August behind the 5-year average pace and remained behind until mid-November due to wet weather and delayed row crop harvest. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1 with the exception of some intended acres in the Southeast and California. Seeding was complete by the end of December in California. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 65 percent good to excellent compared with 44 percent the previous year.

Wheat: Area Seeded, By Selected States and United States, 2007-09

Crop and State	1,000 Acres			
	2007	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
Durum Wheat 1/				
AZ	83	150	110	73
CA	90	170	160	94
ID	15	10		
MT	480	590		
ND	1,480	1,800		
SD	8	11		
US	2,156	2,731		
Winter Wheat				
AZ 2/	6	13	7	54
CA	550	650	670	103
CO	2,500	2,150	2,400	112
ID	750	850	740	87
IL	1,000	1,200	850	71
IN	420	580	470	81
KS	35	40	30	75
MO	10,400	9,600	9,000	94
MT	2,240	2,600	2,500	96
NE	2,050	1,750	1,700	97
NV	17	12	13	108
NM	490	430	410	95
ND	465	630	530	84
OK	5,900	5,600	5,400	96
OR	735	780	780	100
SD	2,100	2,050	1,750	85
TX	6,200	5,800	5,900	102
UT	135	130	130	100
WA	1,720	1,750	1,740	99
WY	140	150	150	100
US	45,012	46,281	42,098	91

1/ Indicated 2009 area seeded for all six states will be published in "Prospective Plantings" released March 31, 2009.

2/ Wheat other than Durum.

Arizona and California Citrus Production

Arizona's citrus crop for 2008-09 is forecast as follows: lemons, 2.50 million boxes, up 67 percent from last season; grapefruit, 150,000 boxes, up 50 percent from last season; Valencia oranges, 100,000 boxes, down 33 percent; navel and miscellaneous oranges, 150,000 boxes, down 35 percent; and tangerines, 250,000 boxes, down 37 percent.

Citrus production in California is forecast as follows: lemons, 19.0 million boxes, up 12 percent; grapefruit, 4.50 million boxes, down 21 percent; Valencia oranges, 12.0 million boxes, down 25 percent; navel and miscellaneous oranges, 34.5 million boxes, down 29 percent; and tangerines, 7.00 million boxes, up 23 percent.

Citrus Fruits: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States, 2006-07, 2007-08 and Forecasted January 1, 2009 1/

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1,000 Boxes 2/			
Oranges, Early, Mid, and Navel 3/			
AZ	200	230	150
CA	34,500	48,500	34,500
FL	65,600	83,500	84,000
TX	1,600	1,500	1,450
US	101,900	133,730	120,100
Oranges, Valencia			
AZ	100	150	100
CA	11,500	16,000	12,000
FL	63,400	86,700	78,000
TX	380	234	200
US	75,380	103,084	90,300
All Oranges			
AZ	300	380	250
CA	46,000	64,500	46,500
FL	129,000	170,200	162,000
TX	1,980	1,734	1,650
US	177,280	236,814	210,400
All Grapefruit			
AZ	100	100	150
CA	5,500	5,700	4,500
FL	27,200	26,600	23,000
TX	7,100	6,100	5,700
US	39,900	38,500	33,350
Tangerines			
AZ 4/	300	400	250
CA 4/	3,500	5,700	7,000
FL	4,600	5,500	4,900
US	8,400	11,600	12,150
Lemons			
AZ	2,500	1,500	2,500
CA	18,500	17,000	19,000
US	21,000	18,500	21,500

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; 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/ Includes tangelos and tangors.

Arizona Lettuce Down 10 Percent

Arizona western head lettuce acreage area for harvest in 2009 is estimated at 29,500 acres, down 10 percent from a year ago.

**Corn Stocks Down 2 Percent From December 2007
Barley Stocks Up 27 Percent
Grain Sorghum Stocks Up 7 Percent**

Corn stocks stored in all positions on December 1, 2008 totaled 10.1 billion bushels, down 2 percent from December 1, 2007. Of the total stocks, 6.48 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.60 billion bushels, are down 4 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2008 indicated disappearance is 3.64 billion bushels, compared with 4.06 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Durum wheat stocks stored in all positions on December 1, 2008 totaled 44.7 million bushels, up 12 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 26.1 million bushels, are up 48 percent from December 1, 2007. Off-farm stocks totaled 18.6 million bushels, down 16 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2008 indicated disappearance of 14.1 million bushels is down 54 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stocks stored in all positions on December 1, 2008 totaled 173 million bushels, up 27 percent from December 1, 2007. On-farm stocks are estimated at 77.1 million bushels, 24 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 95.8 million bushels, are 30 percent above December 2007. The September - November 2008 indicated disappearance is 35.9 million bushels, 32 percent below the same period a year earlier.

Grain sorghum stocks stored in all positions on December 1, 2008 totaled 312 million bushels, up 7 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 54.4 million bushels, are up 6 percent from December 1 last year. Off-farm stocks, at 257 million bushels, are up 7 percent from a year earlier. The September - November 2008 indicated disappearance from all positions is 213 million bushels, down 10 percent from the same period in 2007.

Hay: Stocks on Farms, Selected States and United States, December 1 and May 1, 2006-2007

State	December 1			May 1	
	2006	2007	2008	2007	2008 1/
	1,000 Tons				
AZ	350	260	475	35	36
CA	1,785	1,890	2,380	202	250
CO	2,130	2,400	1,975	290	520
ID	2,575	2,400	2,012	320	300
MT	4,105	4,530	3,831	760	1,025
NV	879	767	1,000	202	90
NM	470	580	600	105	125
OR	1,451	1,674	1,453	326	283
UT	1,840	1,700	1,561	180	150
WA	1,410	1,130	1,300	185	215
WY	1,339	1,335	1,182	240	200
US	1,600	1,900	1,532	220	240

1/ Revised.

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Potatoes: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Seasonal Group, State, And United States, 2008

Seasonal Group And State	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested		
	2008	2008	2008	2008
	1,000 Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt
Winter				
CA	11.0	11.0	230	2,530
Total	11.0	11.0	230	2,530
Spring				
AZ	3.5	3.5	300	1,050
CA	15.4	15.4	450	6,930
FL	28.5	27.9	285	7,952
Hastings	17.4	17.0	285	4,845
Other FL	11.1	10.9	285	3,107
NC	14.5	14.0	180	2,520
TX	8.4	8.0	210	1,680
Total	70.3	68.8	293	20,132

Cottonseed: Production by State and United States 2006-2008

State	Production		
	2006	2007	2008 1/
	1,000 Tons		
AL	230.0	151.0	170.0
AZ	214.2	182.8	146.0
AR	861.0	671.0	456.0
CA	532.0	546.0	290.0
FL	49.3	32.9	37.0
GA	699.0	487.0	503.0
KS	45.0	20.0	15.0
LA	400.0	228.0	91.0
MS	731.0	467.0	237.0
MO	359.0	276.0	229.0
NM	40.0	33.5	26.0
NC	414.0	244.0	246.0
OK	71.6	106.5	94.0
SC	136.8	47.5	80.0
TN	441.0	203.0	179.0
TX	2,065.9	2,860.7	1,595.0
VA	58.1	31.8	35.0
US	7,347.9	6,588.7	4,429.0

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

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December Farm Prices Received Index Declined 8 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 8 points (5.7 percent) from November. The Crop Index is down 11 points (7.1 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 4 points (3.2 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, corn, milk, and soybeans and higher prices for broilers, strawberries, lettuce, and hogs. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of

commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, broilers, and oranges offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 9 points (6.3 percent) from December 2007. The Food Commodities Index, at 132, decreased 7 points (5.0 percent) from last month and decreased 14 points (9.6 percent) from December 2007.

Prices Paid Index Down 4 Points

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 177 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is down 4 points (2.2 percent) from

November but 11 points (6.6 percent) above December 2007. Prices in December are lower for fuels, fertilizer, feed, and livestock & poultry.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, December 2007 and 2008 and November 2008

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		December 2007 Entire Month	November 2008 Entire Month	December 2008 Mid-Month	December 2007 Entire Month	November 2008 Entire Month	December 2008 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	1/	1/	59.60	53.10	53.90
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	192.00	290.00	272.00	169.00	223.00	220.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	383.30	289.30	284.00
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	153.00	185.00	188.00	135.00	163.00	155.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	57.70	39.20	31.00	58.50	37.00	21.67
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	47.00	45.00	41.00	45.00	43.10	39.80
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	97.00	94.00	91.00	95.30	91.00	85.70
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	77.00	62.60	59.00	89.20	84.90	79.90
Calves	\$ Cwt	112.00	97.00	92.00	120.00	106.00	101.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	21.20	16.10	14.90	21.50	17.10	15.90

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/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Lemons 76 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs., Grapefruit 67 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.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2007		2008	
	November	December	November	December
Prices Received	141	142	141	133
Prices Paid	165	166	181	177
Ratio 1/	85	86	78	75

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