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Cotton Ginnings

Arizona’s cotton ginner have ginned 410,200 bales of upland cotton from the 2009 crop, an increase of just under 40,000 bales from last year. They have also ginned 3,950 bales of pima cotton from the 2009 crop.

Arizona Fruit and Nut Estimates

Arizona’s apple production is estimated at 5.5 million pounds, the lowest production since the 2001 season. The production, from 1,200 acres, is down 12.5 million pounds from last year due primarily to a ill timed frost last spring. The value of the production is estimated at \$1.31 million based on an average price of 29.3 cents per pound. The United States production is estimated at 9.74 billion pounds and valued at \$2.22 billion. The state of Washington was the top producing state at 5.50 billion pounds.

Arizona’s pecan production is estimated at 20.0 million pounds, a 14 percent increase from the previous year. With an average price expected at \$1.90 per pound, the 2009 crop is valued at \$38.0 million. The United States production of pecans is estimated at 291 million pounds, up 50 percent from last year. The 2009 crop is valued at \$398 million. The state of Georgia was the top producing state at 85.0 million pounds.

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Organic Farming

The nation’s organic farms and ranches have higher average sales and higher average production expenses than U.S. farms overall, according to results of the 2008 Organic Production Survey.

This was USDA’s first wide-scale survey of organic producers, and it was undertaken in direct response to the growing interest in organics among consumers, farmers, businesses, policymakers and others. The information will be an important building block for future program and policy development.

The survey counted 14,540 U.S. farms and ranches that were either USDA certified organic or were exempt from certification because their sales totaled less than \$5,000. These operations comprised 4.1 million acres of land, of which 1.6 million acres were harvested cropland and 1.8 million acres were pasture or rangeland.

While there were organic farms or ranches in all 50 states, nearly 20 percent of the operations were in California. California also led the nation in organic sales, with \$1.15 billion – or 36 percent of all U.S. sales. Nationwide, 2008 organic sales totaled \$3.16 billion, including \$1.94 billion in crops sales and \$1.22 billion in sales of livestock, poultry and their products.

The nation’s certified and exempt organic farms had average sales and production expenses that were higher than those of U.S. farms overall. Organic operations had an average of \$217,675 in sales, compared with \$134,807 for all farms as reported in the 2007 Census of Agriculture. Production expenditures averaged \$171,978 per organic farm, compared with the nationwide average of \$109,359 for all farms.

Most U.S. organic producers sold their products locally, with 44 percent of sales taking place less than 100 miles from the farm. Nearly 83 percent of organic sales were to wholesale channels, including processors, millers and packers. Just over 10 percent of sales were direct to retail operations, including supermarkets. Only 7 percent of sales were direct to consumers, via farm stands, farmers’ markets, community supported agriculture and other arrangements.

Survey respondents indicated that they face various challenges, including regulatory, production, management and marketing issues. Despite these challenges, more than 78 percent indicated that they plan to maintain or increase their organic production over the next five years.

Complete results of the 2008 Organic Production Survey are available at

http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2007/Online_Highlights/Organics/

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January Farm Prices Received Index Up 2 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 137 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from December. The Crop Index is unchanged but the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.4 percent). Producers received higher prices for broilers, cattle, hogs, and apples and lower prices for lettuce, corn, broccoli, and soybeans. 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 corn, soybeans, wheat, and rice offset decreased marketings of milk, broilers, cotton, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.4 percent) from January 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 137, increased 2 points (1.5 percent) from last month and increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from January 2009.

Prices Paid Index Up 4 Points

The January Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 183 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 4 points (2.2 percent) from December and 3 points (1.7 percent) above January 2009. Higher

prices for taxes, cash rent, other services, and diesel more than offset lower prices for interest, feed grains, concentrates, and mixed fertilizer.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, January 2009 and 2010 and December 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		January 2009 Entire Month	December 2009 Entire Month	January 2010 Mid-Month	January 2009 Entire Month	December 2009 Entire Month	January 2010 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	1/	1/	0.46	0.628	0.632
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	277.00		231.00	214.00	164.00	149.00
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Bu	3/	1/	1/	8.26	4.98	4.58
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	188.00	105.00	110.00	148.00	110.00	113.00
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	31.30	38.90	39.20	30.80	39.20	38.30
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	40.00	46.00	48.00	42.30	43.50	47.10
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	86.00	82.00	84.00	85.80	83.80	87.00
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	58.40	61.80	63.80	80.10	78.60	81.90
Calves	\$ Cwt	100.00	101.00	102.00	106.00	105.00	109.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	12.80	15.70	16.00	13.40	15.80	16.70

- 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., Tangerines 75 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	2008		2009		2010	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
Prices Received		135	139	135		137
Prices Paid		179	180	179		183
Ratio 1/		75	77	75		75

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