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Arizona Upland Cotton Forecast Up 33 Percent From 2009

Arizona's upland cotton harvested acreage is estimated at 193,000 acres, up 49,000 from a year ago. As of September 1, yield is forecast at 1,467 pounds per acre, 10 pounds less than last year. Production is forecast at 590,000 bales, up 33 percent. Cotton bolls have opened on 45 percent of the acreage as of August 29, down 4 percentage points from the 5-year average. Cotton condition is mostly good to excellent.

For the United States, all cotton production is forecast at 18.8 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from last month and up 55 percent from last year's 12.2 million bales. Yield is expected to average 839 pounds per harvested acre, up 62 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 18.3 million 480-pound bales, 56 percent above 2009. Yields in the Delta region are expected to decrease from last month, while producers in Texas are expecting increased yields. American Pima production, forecast at 497,800 bales, was carried forward from last month.