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Arizona Upland Cotton Forecast Up 28 Percent From 2010

Arizona's upland cotton harvested acreage is estimated at 248,000 acres, up 55,000 from a year ago. As of September 1, yield is forecast at 1,510 pounds per acre, 7 pounds less than last year's record high yield. Production is forecast at 780,000 bales, up 28 percent from a year ago. Cotton bolls had opened on almost two-thirds of the acreage as of September 4, five percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Cotton condition varies from fair to excellent.

For the United States, all cotton production is forecast at 16.6 million 480-pound bales, up fractionally from last month but down 9 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 807 pounds per harvested acre, down 5 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.8 million 480-pound bales, down 10 percent from 2010. American Pima production, forecast at 737,200 bales, was carried forward from last month.