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Arizona Upland Cotton Forecast Up 28 Percent From 2010

Arizona's upland cotton production is forecast at 780,000 bales as of October 1, up 28 percent from last year's output. Yield is forecast at 1,510 pounds per acre, the same as last month but down 7 pounds from last year's record high yield. Cotton bolls have opened on 95 percent of the acreage as of October 2, two 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 slightly from last month but down 8 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 809 pounds per harvested acre, down 3 pounds from a year ago. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.9 million 480-pound bales, down 10 percent from 2010. American Pima production, forecast at 737,200 bales, was carried forward from last month.