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Arizona's Upland Cotton Producers Expect Record High Yield

Arizona's upland cotton yield is expected to reach a record high 1,576 pounds per acre in 2012, 28 pounds higher than the record high yield set last year. Production is forecast at 650,000 bales from 198,000 harvested acres. The cotton crop is in mostly good to excellent condition. American-Pima cotton harvested acreage, at 4,000 acres, is 6,000 acres less than a year ago. Production is expected to total 8,000 bales, a decrease of 12,000 bales from 2011. Pima yield is forecast at 960 pounds per acre.

Arizona dry bean production from 11,000 acres is expected to total 209,000 hundredweight, an increase of 54,000 hundredweight or 35 percent more than last year's production. Average yield is expected at 1,900 pounds per acre. Pinto bean acreage is estimated at 4,900, an increase of 2,700 from a year ago. Other Arizona crop forecasts of production include alfalfa, at 2.20 million tons, up 6 percent; and apples, at 13.5 million pounds, an increase of 2.50 million pounds.

The U.S. all cotton production is forecast at 17.7 million 480-pound bales, up 13 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 784 pounds per harvested acre, down 6 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 17.0 million 480-pound bales, up 15 percent from 2011. Pima cotton production, forecast at 663,000 bales, is down 22 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 10.8 million acres of all cotton, up 14 percent from 2011. This harvested total includes 10.6 million acres of upland cotton and 233,400 acres of Pima cotton.

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