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## **Arizona's Cotton Production Forecast Unchanged from October**

**Arizona's** all cotton production as of November 1 is forecast at 677,000 bales, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but 17 percent below the final 2011 production. Acres for harvest, at 201,000, are down 57,000 acres from 2011. All cotton yield, at a record high 1,617 pounds per acre, is up 91 pounds from last year.

**Arizona's** 198,000 acres of upland cotton for harvest are expected to produce 670,000 bales, unchanged from last month, but 130,000 bales (16 percent) less than last year. The crop is expected to yield a record high 1,624 pounds per acre, up 76 pounds from last year's previous record high yield. **Arizona** ginneries have ginned 101,950 bales prior to November 1, about 15 percent of the total production. Last year, only 13 percent had been ginned prior to November 1.

The **United States** all cotton production is forecast at 17.4 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month and up 12 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 802 pounds per acre, up 12 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 16.8 million 480-pound bales, up 14 percent from 2011. Pima cotton production, forecast at 657,000 bales, was carried forward from last month. Total bales ginned prior to November 1 across **United States** totaled 6.34 million bales, slightly behind the 6.44 million bales ginned last year prior to November 1.

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