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CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 1, 2024

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in Arizona is expected to total 326,000 480-lb bales, according to the October 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 14 percent from the September 1 forecast, and up 37 percent from last year's 238,000 480-lb bale crop.

Harvested area of **upland cotton**, forecast at 95,000 acres, is unchanged from last month but up 20,000 acres from last year. As of October 1, producers expect to harvest 300,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 15 percent from the September 1 forecast and up 44 percent from a year ago. Upland yield is forecast at 1,516 pounds per acre, up 202 pounds from the September 1 forecast and up 185 pounds from last year. As of September 29, producers had harvested 46 percent of the cotton crop, compared with 17 percent last year and a 5-year average of 17 percent. Overall, the cotton crop was rated 1 percent poor, 41 percent good, and 58 percent excellent. Harvested area of **Pima cotton**, forecast at 14,000 acres, is unchanged from last month but down 2,000 acres from last year. As of October 1, producers expect to harvest 26,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 30,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 891 pounds per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but 9 pounds below last year.

Arizona farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 300,000 acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** this year, up 20,000 acres from 2023. Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 2.28 million tons, a decrease of 10 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 2 percent from the 2.32 million tons produced last year. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 7.60 tons per acre, down 0.8 ton from the August 1 forecast and down 0.7 ton from the final 2023 yield.

Arizona's 2024-2025 **lemon** production is forecast at 900,000 boxes, down 5 percent from last season. **Pecan** production in Arizona for 2024 is forecast at 37.00 million pounds, down 13 percent from the previous season.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 14.2 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 18 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 789 pounds per harvested acre, down 18 pounds from the previous forecast and down 110 pounds from 2023. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 13.7 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 16 percent from 2023. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 516,000 bales, down 6 percent from the previous forecast but up 63 percent from 2023. All cotton area harvested is forecast at 8.63 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 34 percent from 2023.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2024 is forecast at 54.0 million tons, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 8 percent from 2023. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.45 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from the August forecast and up 0.26 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 15.6 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but down slightly from 2023. Record high yields are forecast for California, Oregon, and Texas. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 72.9 million tons, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up 6 percent from 2023. Based on October 1 conditions, the United States yield is expected to average 2.03 tons per acre, down 0.04 ton from the August forecast but up 0.18 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 35.9 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but down 3 percent from 2023.

The 2024-2025 United States **lemon** crop is forecast at 1.10 million tons, up 5 percent from last season's final utilization in comparable States.

Pecan production is forecast at 271 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2023. Improved varieties are expected to produce 256 million pounds, or 95 percent of the total. The native and seedling varieties are expected to produce 14.6 million pounds, making up the remaining 5 percent of production.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.