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NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on December 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 58,000 480-lb bales, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 15 percent from the November 1 forecast but up 14 percent from last year's 51,000 480-lb bale crop.

Harvested area of **upland cotton**, forecast at 27,000 acres, is unchanged from last month but up 10,000 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 40,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 20 percent from the November 1 forecast but up 74 percent from a year ago. Upland yield is forecast at 711 pounds per acre, down 178 pounds from the November 1 forecast but up 62 pounds from last year. Harvested area of **Pima cotton**, forecast at 14,000 acres, is unchanged from last month but down 2,800 acres from last year. As of December 1, producers expect to harvest 18,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 28,000 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 617 pounds per acre, unchanged from the November 1 forecast but 183 pounds below last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 14.3 million 480-pound bales, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 18 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of December 1, yields are expected to average 792 pounds per harvested acre, up 3 pounds from the previous forecast but down 107 pounds from 2023. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 13.8 million 480-pound bales, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 17 percent from 2023. **Pima cotton** production is forecast at 498,000 bales, up 4 percent from the previous forecast and up 58 percent from 2023.

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