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CALIFORNIA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO -- The USDA-NASS, California Field Office today released the crop production forecast for November. The latest survey, which was conducted during the last week of October and the first week of November, included the following commodities:

Corn - Corn for grain production is expected to total 764 thousand tons, down 5 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 140 thousand is down 12 percent, and the yield forecast of 5.46 tons per acre is up 8 percent from the previous year.

Cotton - American Pima cotton production in California is forecast at 450 thousand bales, unchanged from last month's forecast, but up 25 percent from the 2009 crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 184 thousand acres, resulting in a yield of 1,174 pounds per acre. Upland cotton is forecast at 380 thousand bales, unchanged from last month's forecast, but up 58 percent from last year. With harvested acreage of 123 thousand, the resulting yield is 1,483 pounds per acre. As of November 1st, Cotton harvest was in full swing.

Rice - All rice production in California is forecast at 45.8 million cwt. for 2010, down 4 percent from the previous year. The yield forecast is 8,100 pounds per acre, and the harvested acreage is estimated at 566 thousand. Harvest began during the middle of September and is ongoing.

Sugar Beets - California sugar beet production is forecast at 1.00 million tons, up 13 percent from the 2009 crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 25.0 thousand, and the yield forecast is 40.0 tons per acre.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. Late fall harvests may change these forecasts. The next production forecast will be issued December 9, 2010.

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