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On: TEXAS COTTON PRODUCTION
DOWN 38 PERCENT FROM 2007

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AUSTIN . . . Texas Upland cotton production for 2008 is expected to total 5.1 million bales, down 38 percent from 2007 and unchanged from forecast last month, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

Objective yield measurements in Texas for December show boll weights to be the second heaviest in the last 10 years. Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 3.35 million acres, 29 percent less than last year. Yield is expected to average 731 pounds per acre compared with 843 pounds last year, and unchanged from the November forecast.

Production on the Southern High Plains is estimated to total 2.28 million bales, down 47 percent from last year's production. Average yield, at 776 pounds per acre, is 43 pounds less than a year ago.

The Northern High Plains crop, estimated at 1.1 million bales, is 4 percent less than last year. In the Low Plains, production is estimated at 660 million bales, 49 percent less than last year.

United States Upland cotton production is forecast at 13.2 million bales, down 28 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the November forecast. Yield is expected to average 833 pounds per acre compared with 864 pounds in 2007. Harvested acreage is estimated at 7.59 million acres, 26 percent less than a year ago.

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TEXAS UPLAND COTTON DISTRICT ESTIMATES, 2007 AND 2008 ^{1/}

Districts	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 bales</i>	
1-N	584.7	610.0	507.0	560.0	1,082.0	943.0	1,143.0	1,100.0
1-S	2,604.8	2,680.0	2,500.2	1,410.0	819.0	776.0	4,267.0	2,280.0
2-N	349.0	340.0	346.9	270.0	725.0	462.0	524.0	260.0
2-S	446.4	480.0	443.9	445.0	823.0	431.0	761.0	400.0
4	83.7	80.0	82.8	80.0	665.0	720.0	114.7	120.0
7	157.9	180.0	157.6	145.0	935.0	530.0	307.0	160.0
8-N	56.4	60.0	55.5	50.0	924.0	576.0	106.8	60.0
8-S	295.7	200.0	290.7	155.0	898.0	929.0	544.0	300.0
9	146.6	110.0	144.4	105.0	606.0	914.0	182.2	200.0
10-N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-S	100.9	80.0	97.8	70.0	645.0	343.0	131.5	50.0
Other districts	73.9	80.0	73.2	60.0	1,107.0	1,360.0	168.8	170.0
STATE	4,900.0	4,900.0	4,700.0	3,350.0	843.0	731.0	8,250.0	5,100.0

^{1/} Preliminary, December, 2008.

