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CALIFORNIA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

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

Cotton – Upland cotton production in California is forecast at 1.10 million bales, down 4 percent from the November 1 forecast. Harvested acreage of 433 thousand resulted in a yield of 1,219 pounds per acre. American Pima cotton production is forecast at 600 thousand bales, up 5 percent from last month. With harvested acreage at 226 thousand acres, the yield is forecast at 1,274 pounds per acre. As of December 1, cotton harvest continued but was winding down. Some growers continued to pick a second time in order to raise their yields. Growers were shredding stocks and discing cotton fields immediately following harvest in order to be in compliance with pink bollworm regulations.

Dry Edible Beans – Dry edible bean production is forecast to be 1.28 million cwt., up 11 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 64.0 thousand increased 12 percent from last year, and resulted in an overall yield of 2,000 pounds per acre. Steady growth and development has been observed in many dry bean fields, with no current reports of any infestation throughout the State. Black-eyed pea harvest began in some fields in late September, but delayed planting due to late season rains pushed back the bulk of harvest late into Fall. Very hot days in July stunned or burned some fields and reduced yields. Otherwise, an average year was reported by most growers.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. Late summer and fall harvests may change these estimates considerably. The next production forecast will be issued January 12, 2006.

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