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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 770 thousand bales, unchanged from the November 1 forecast. Harvested acreage of 283 thousand resulted in a yield of 1,306 pounds per acre. American Pima cotton production is forecast at 660 thousand bales, down 7 percent from last month. With harvested acreage at 274 thousand acres, the yield is forecast at 1,156 pounds per acre. As of December 1, cotton harvest was complete in most locations. Cotton growers continued to shred and disc harvested fields in order to be in compliance with pink bollworm regulations. The Upland crop turned out better than many expected.

Dry Edible Beans – Dry edible bean production is forecast to be 1.24 million cwt., down 11 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 65.0 thousand remained unchanged from last year, and resulted in an overall yield of 1,900 pounds per acre. A number of growers reported a later harvest this year because late spring rains deferred planting. Production was down this year for some producers because intense summer heat affected bloom and set, causing a reduction in yields.

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, 2007.

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