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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 620 thousand bales, up 3 percent from the November 1 forecast. Harvested acreage of 194 thousand resulted in a yield of 1,534 pounds per acre. American Pima cotton production is forecast at 770 thousand bales, up 3 percent from last month. With harvested acreage at 257 thousand acres, the yield is forecast at 1,438 pounds per acre. As of December 1, cotton harvest was essentially complete in California. Cotton growers continued to shred and disc harvested fields in order to be in compliance with pink bollworm plow-down regulations.

**Dry Edible Beans** – Dry edible bean production is forecast to be 1.25 million cwt., up 4 percent from last year. Harvested acreage of 58.0 thousand is down 11 percent from last year, which resulted in an overall yield of 2,160 pounds per acre. It was a good year for dry bean growers. Most growers reported good yields and fewer reports of crop failure were received than in 2006.

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 11, 2008.

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