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On: TEXAS COTTON PRODUCTION

UP 1 PERCENT FROM 2004

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AUSTIN . . . Texas Upland cotton production for 2005 is expected to total 8.1 million bales, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent higher than the forecast last month, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

"Overall good growing conditions this year and more acres making it to harvest have resulted in the biggest cotton crop ever seen in Texas," reported Robin Roark, State Director.

Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 5.5 million acres, 3 percent above last year. Yield is expected to average 707 pounds per acre compared with 694 pounds last year, and up 26 pounds from the November forecast. This is the highest yield on record for Texas.

Production on the Southern High Plains is estimated to total 4.1 million bales, up 14 percent from last year's production. Average yield, at 737 pounds per acre, is 56 pounds more than a year ago.

The Northern High Plains crop, estimated at 1.45 million bales, is 17 percent more than last year. In the Low Plains, production is estimated at 940,000 bales, 1 percent less than last year.

United States Upland cotton production is forecast at a record 23.7 million bales, up 2 percent from last year and 2 percent more than the November forecast. Yield is expected to average 832 pounds per acre compared with 855 pounds in 2004. Harvested acreage is estimated at 13.7 million acres, 5 percent more than a year ago.

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TEXAS UPLAND COTTON DISTRICT ESTIMATE, 2004 AND 2005 $^{1\!/}$

Districts	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<u>1,000 acres</u>		1,000 acres		<u>Pounds</u>		<u>1,000 bales</u>	
1-N	849.0	900.0	726.1	790.0	818	881	1,238.0	1,450.0
1-S	2,813.0	2,800.0	2,527.0	2,670.0	681	737	3,585.5	4,100.0
2-N	396.0	395.0	378.2	370.0	572	558	451.0	430.0
2-S	488.0	525.0	472.6	490.0	502	500	494.5	510.0
4	127.0	115.0	121.9	105.0	665	594	168.9	130.0
7	163.1	175.0	149.8	150.0	673	672	210.0	210.0
8-N	79.0	80.0	75.8	75.0	899	768	142.0	120.0
8-S	367.5	370.0	356.0	345.0	761	626	564.4	450.0
9	245.6	245.0	235.8	240.0	710	600	348.8	300.0
10-S	215.2	185.0	205.2	165.0	823	625	352.0	215.0
Other districts $\frac{2}{2}$	106.6	110.0	101.6	100.0	874	888	184.9	185.0
STATE	5,850.0	5,900.0	5,350.0	5,500.0	694	707	7,740.0	8,100.0

^{1/} Preliminary, December, 2005. 2/ Districts with less than 50,000 acres planted are included in other districts.

