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PACIFIC REGION JANUARY CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SACRAMENTO, CA - The USDA-NASS, Pacific Regional Office today released the California crop production forecast for January. The latest survey, conducted during the last week of December 2016, and the first week of January 2017, included the commodities:

Cotton - American Pima production is estimated at 490 thousand bales for 2016, up 36 percent from 2015. Harvested acreage is estimated at 154 thousand acres. The resulting yield is 1,527 pounds per acre. Upland production is estimated at 250 thousand bales, up 52 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 65.0 thousand acres. The yield calculates to 1,846 pounds per acre.

Oranges - The 2016 - 2017 California Navel orange forecast is 44.0 million boxes, up 5 percent from the October forecast, and down 3 percent from last season's crop. The 2016-2017 Navel orange harvest began in late October. The 2016 - 2017 Valencia orange forecast is 9.0 million boxes, up 6 percent the October forecast, and up 3 percent from last season's crop.

Lemons - The 2016 - 2017 California lemon forecast is 20.0 million boxes, down 5 percent from the October forecast, and down 2 percent from last season's final production.

Tangerines - The 2016 - 2017 California tangerine forecast (including mandarins and tangelos) is 23.0 million boxes. Production is unchanged from the October forecast, and up 6 percent from last season's crop.

Grapefruit - The 2016 - 2017 California grapefruit forecast is 4.1 million boxes, up 3 percent from the October forecast but up 8 percent from last season's crop.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. The next production forecast will be issued February 9, 2017.