



Cotton Newsletter, December 2011, Volume 2, Number 3

This is the last edition of the cotton newsletter for the year 2011. The purpose of our newsletter is to present relevant information and news items for New Mexico growers and other stakeholders in the cotton industry within the State.

The year has been a challenging year for agriculture in New Mexico. There was excessive heat during the mid-season, which necessitated more irrigations than usual. Unfortunately, enough water was not available in some places for extra irrigation. Many producers in the State were affected by drought. However, where there was enough water, cotton performed very well. In this edition, statistics on cotton production and cotton prices are presented in Tables 1-3. With cotton prices still looking good, it is expected that the surge in cotton production in NM will hold steady for the coming year.

We want to use this opportunity to wish all our cotton growers and stakeholders in New Mexico a wonderful festive season and a happy new year.

Please feel free to send your comments, information and contributions to John Idowu (email: jidowu@nmsu.edu; phone: 575-646-2571). If you are interested in previous editions of the Cotton Newsletter, please feel free to download at <http://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/iproduction.html>

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

**NM Cotton Growers
Conference
Registration**

**Statistics for Cotton
Production and Cotton
Prices**

NM Cotton Growers Association Meeting for 2012 - Registration

The New Mexico Cotton Growers Association meeting will be coming up on January 25th, 2012 from 8:00am to 4:30pm at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr. , Ruidoso, NM.

Two CEU's are available.

Program highlights during the conference will include:

- *Salinity and water management in cotton*
- *Cotton economic prospects for 2012*
- *Cotton variety trials in New Mexico and Texas*
- *Weed control in cotton production systems*
- *Cotton growth regulators*
- *Current updates on products from the industry*

A registration form is attached to this newsletter. Please complete and mail the registration no later than January 18th to help us plan for lunch. Registration Fee is \$25 per person.

Send completed registration to:

Joe Friesen

1946 S. Valley Drive

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New Mexico Cotton Growers Association
2012 Annual Cotton Conference
January 25, 2012
Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso, NM

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell (optional) _____

Email Address _____

Would you like to present a short industry update or have a table-top display? _____

Registration by January 18th is appreciated to guarantee numbers for lunch.
Cost is \$25.00 per person

There will be some room for table-top displays for industry representatives around the conference and break room. No cost for displays but we ask that you provide one door prize for drawings during the meeting.

If you would like to sponsor one of the two coffee breaks or the lunch or provide additional door prizes, please let us know in the space below.

Total Registration Due: _____ Total Sponsorship Due: _____

Please make checks payable to: New Mexico Cotton Growers
New Mexico Cotton Growers
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Table 1. U.S. Cotton Crop, 2010-11

	PLANTED ACRES Thou.	HARV. ACRES Thou.	YIELD PER HARV. ACRE Lb.	5-YEAR AVG. YIELD Lb.	480- POUND BALES Thou.
UPLAND					
WEST	367	363	1,461	1,350	1,105
Arizona	195	193	1,517	1,410	610
California	124	123	1,483	1,363	380
New Mexico	48	47	1,174	1,026	115
TOTAL UPLAND	10,770	10,497	805	816	17,600
TOTAL ELS	204	202	1,200	1,245	504
Arizona	3	3	845	891	4
California	182	180	1,237	1,310	464
New Mexico	3	3	836	825	5
Texas	17	17	902	821	31
ALL COTTON	10,974	10,699	812	826	18,104

Source: USDA-NASS May Crop Production Report.

Table 2. Prospective 2011 U.S. Cotton Plantings

	2010 Actual (Thou.) 1/	2011 USDA - NASS (Thou.) 2/	2011 NCC In- tended (Thou.) 3/	USDA Percent Change	NCC Percent Change
UPLAND					
WEST	366	450	465	23.0%	27.0%
Arizona	195	225	226	15.4%	15.8%
California	124	160	172	29.0%	38.8%
New Mexico	47	65	67	38.3%	42.5%
TOTAL UPLAND	10,769	12,313	12,263	14.3%	13.9%
TOTAL ELS	204	253	251	23.7%	23.1%
Arizona	3	9	4	260.0%	47.2%
California	182	225	225	23.6%	23.6%
New Mexico	3	4	3	29.6%	28.2%
Texas	17	15	19	-11.8%	13.7%
ALL COTTON	10,973	12,566	12,514	14.5%	14.0%

1/USDA-NASS.

2/USDA-NASS Prospective Plantings Report.

3/NCC Planting Intentions Survey.

Table 3. Cotton Prices

	Prices Received by Farmers (Upland cotton)* cents/pound	Cotton "A" index* cents/pound
Jan	82.1	178.9
Feb	92.9	213.1
Mar	84.4	229.6
Apr	86.7	216.6
May	83.2	165.5
Jun	83.3	167.1
Jul	82.5	
Aug	94	114.1
Sep	93.5	116.8
Oct	91.5	110.6
Nov		
Dec		
Average	87.41	168

Source: National Cotton Council of America

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