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U.S. Cotton Supply and Demand Overview

The 1999/2000 U.S. cotton crop is currently estimated at 16.95 million bales (upland--14.57 million and extra-long staple (ELS)--696,000 bales), compared with 13.9 million in 1998/99. Based on the latest *Cotton Ginnings* report and last season's running bale to statistical bale conversion factor, ginnings by the end of January were only slightly below the estimate. Final 1999/2000 ginnings, as well as final upland and ELS production, will be released by the United States Department of Agriculture on May 12.

Based on the current production estimate, U.S. cotton supply this season is expected to total 21 million bales, 15 percent above 1998/99. However, the 1999/2000 estimate includes only a small quantity of imports--less than 100,000 bales--compared with last season's 443,000 bales. Although "Step 3" quotas remain open this season, foreign cotton imports have been limited by the availability of a larger U.S. crop and the reinstatement of the "Step 2" program, encouraging use of U.S. cotton.

With production rising in 1999/2000, total demand for U.S. cotton is also projected to rebound as a sharp turnaround in U.S. exports offsets a slight downturn in mill use. Total demand is expected to reach 16.6 million bales this season, 12.5 percent above 1998/99. As a result, 1999/2000 stocks are forecast to total 4.4 million bales by season's end, nearly 500,000 above beginning levels. However, despite the increase in stocks, the 1999/2000 stocks-to-use ratio is expected to remain near year-ago levels at 26.5 percent.

U.S. Demand Unchanged in February

Neither U.S. mill use nor exports were changed this month. U.S. mill use in 1999/2000 is expected to reach 10.2 million bales, compared with 10.4 million last season. Despite the continued strength in the retail market for cotton products, much of this demand is being filled with less expensive imported products and thus supplanting some domestic mill consumption.

In addition to textile imports, manmade fiber use on the cotton spinning system this season has risen 4 percent above a year ago. As a result, cotton's share has fallen from 79.3 percent during 1998/99 to 78.5 percent during the first 5 months of this season. Nevertheless, the most recent

seasonally adjusted (SA) data for December was relatively strong, indicating that U.S. mills used cotton at an annual rate of 10.3 million bales during the month. With the strongest SA rate of 1999/2000 to date, the first 5 months of the season have averaged over 10.1 million bales. Actual U.S. mill use for August through December 1999 totaled 4.2 million statistical bales, compared with 4.3 million last year.

U.S. exports in 1999/2000 are projected at 6.4 million bales, nearly 2 million above last season's dismal shipment level. Increased exportable supplies at more competitive prices are expected to move nearly 50 percent more cotton out of the country than last season. A rebound in world demand in the aftermath of the Asian crisis is also supporting U.S. exports in 1999/2000.

During the first half of 1999/2000, exports of U.S. cotton have totaled about 2.6 million bales, or about 40 percent of the export forecast. However, export commitments (shipments plus outstanding sales) at the midway point total 6.2 million bales or 97 percent of the shipment forecast. Although additional sales will be needed, exports during the "prime" shipping period--January through March--will be the key to reaching the export projection. Weekly averages of over 150,000 bales will be needed during the rest of the season. According to the *Export Sales* report, the shipment pace for January averaged over 180,000 bales per week.

Record Foreign Consumption in 1999/2000

Foreign cotton production and consumption have shown no clear trend during the 1990's, and while record foreign consumption is now forecast for 1999/2000, stocks also remain relatively high, both within China and elsewhere.

Foreign consumption in 1999/2000 is now forecast at a record 78.3 million bales, slightly above its previous record in 1989/90. Foreign cotton consumption has largely stagnated during the 1990's, as declining mill use in Russia and Japan largely offset gains in India, Turkey, and Mexico. In the aftermath of the Asian financial crisis, foreign consumption suffered one of its largest declines of the past 40 years during 1998/99. A 4.7-percent increase is now forecast in foreign consumption compared with the year before, the largest year-to-year increase since 1986. With growing mill use, record demand is forecast in India, Pakistan, Turkey, Mexico, and Indonesia. While less-than-record, China's mill use is also forecast to increase in 1999/2000.

Foreign production in 1999/2000 is forecast at 70 million bales, 8 million below its record 1991/92 level. Foreign cotton production has varied between 63 and 78 million bales during the 1990's, in part reflecting responses to fluctuating world prices, and in part reflecting shifts in China's production policy. Most recently, foreign production has fluctuated between 71 and 73 million bales. Compared with the year before, 1999/2000 foreign production is about unchanged as larger crops in Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and India offset reductions in China, Argentina, and Mexico.

Trade Rising in 1999/2000

Foreign imports in 1999/2000 are forecast at 26.8 million bales, 5.6 million below their record of more than a decade earlier. Foreign imports have varied between 25 and 31 million bales during the 1990's, with 1998/99's level the smallest since 1974/75. As with consumption, Russia's troubled economy over the last decade has depressed imports, and world trade has shrunk as a

result. In 1999/2000, foreign imports are expected to increase 1.8 million bales compared with the year before, the largest increase since 1994/95.

Foreign exports in 1999/2000 are forecast at 20.1 million bales, about 6 million below their record of more than a decade earlier. Foreign exports have varied between 19 and 22 million bales during the 1990's, well below the peaks achieved during the latter half of the 1980's. Compared with the year before, 1999/2000 foreign exports are expected to increase about 800,000 bales as substantial export gains for China, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan offset reductions for Argentina, Australia, Syria, and Egypt.

Foreign ending stocks in 1999/2000 are forecast at 35.6 million bales, about 3 million below their 1985/86 record. As a share of foreign consumption, ending stocks in 1999/2000 are forecast at 36.4 percent, well below the record 59 percent of 1984/85. During the 1990's, foreign stocks/use has varied between 32 and 48 percent, with the peak occurring just 2 years ago in 1997/98. However, much of the 2-year decline in foreign stocks occurred in China; excluding China, 1999/2000's expected stocks/use is 38.7 percent, up from 37 percent the previous year and 35 percent 2 years ago. With the stocks/use ratio falling when China is included in the calculation and rising when China is excluded, the importance of uncertainty surrounding the level, quality, and accessability of China's stocks is highlighted for yet another year.

Textile Trade Falls in November

U.S. textile imports during November 1999 totaled 990 million (raw-fiber equivalent) pounds, down 8 percent from October and the lowest since May. Imports declined in all major fibers and end-use categories except floor coverings, which were slightly above October shipments. Cotton imports, at 559 million pounds, represented 56 percent of all textile shipments. However, these shipments were the lowest in the past 6 months. Total imports during January through November were 11.1 billion pounds, 1 billion above the corresponding period of 1998. Cotton textile imports of 6.2 billion pounds during the first 11 months of 1999 were up 11 percent from a year earlier.

November textile exports, at 401 million pounds, declined 2 percent from a month earlier. Lower shipments of apparel and yarn, thread, and fabric more than offset slight increases in other end-use categories. Similarly, lower exports of cotton and manmade fiber textiles more than offset increases in linen, silk, and wool shipments. However, November 1999 shipments were nearly 8 percent above the previous year. Cumulative textile exports during January through November were 4.3 billion pounds, 2 percent above 1998. Cotton textile shipments during the past 11 months, at 1.9 billion pounds, increased 6 percent from 1998.

Overall, the textile trade deficit for the first 11 months of 1999 totaled 6.8 billion pounds, compared with 5.9 billion the previous year. The cumulative cotton trade deficit climbed 542 million pounds to 4.3 billion. For the 11 month period of 1999, cotton textiles accounted for 62 percent of the total trade deficit, about the same share as in 1998.

Total sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2000, was estimated at 7.03 million head, down 3 percent from 1999 and 10 percent below 2 years ago. Inventory has greatly declined since 1942 when it totaled 56.2 million head. The inventory of breeding sheep declined to 5.16 million head, down 3 percent from 5.3 million on January 1, 1999. Similarly, the number of farming operations with sheep during 1999 totaled 66,800, down 3 percent from 1998 and 8 percent from 1997.

On January 13, 2000, Agriculture Secretary Glickman announced details of a 3-year \$100 million assistance plan to help U.S. sheep and lamb producers. In February 1999, the U.S. International Trade Commission ruled that large imports of low-priced lamb meat causes the threat of injury to U.S. producers. The assistance package will provide funding for production improvements, increased market promotion efforts, improved animal health, and domestic purchases. The plan makes \$50 million available during the first year and an additional \$50 million during the second and third year.

The inventory of angora goats on January 1, 2000, totaled 436,000, down 30 percent from 1999 and 48 percent below 2 years ago. Goat producers have received assistance through the mohair recourse loan program authorized by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999. The Act was reauthorized for 2000. The loan program authorizes the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to make available to producers 12-month, interest-free recourse loans on mohair produced during or before fiscal year 1999. For fiscal year 2000, recourse loans will be interest-bearing. Interest is charged on mohair loans during the 12-month loan term at the CCC interest rate plus 1 percent. The loan rate is \$2 per pound. However, a lower loan rate may apply if a producer does not have an adequate quality of mohair to secure the loan. All loans must be repaid, and mohair may not be delivered to CCC in satisfaction of the loan obligation. As of February 1, 2000, nearly 6.8 million pounds of mohair had been placed under loan (mohair produced in 1998 and 1999). About 500,000 pounds have been redeemed, leaving 6.3 million in outstanding loans.

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Copies of the 1999 *Cotton and Wool Yearbook* (CWS-1999) are available for purchase. For information, call 1-800-999-6770.

The next Cotton and Wool Outlook (CWS-0200) will be released on March 13, 2000.

Information Contacts:

		1999/2000		
Item	1998/99	Dec	Jan	Feb
Upland:			ion acres	
Planted	13.064	14.283	14.565	14.565
Harvested	10.449	13.096	13.093	13.093
		Po	unds	
Yield/harvested acre	619	594	596	596
		Million 4	80-lb. bales	3
Beginning stocks	3.822	3.836	3.836	3.836
Production	13.476	16.196	16.257	16.257
Total supply 1/	17.729	20.097	20.158	20.158
Mill use	10.254	10.040	10.040	10.040
Exports	4.056	5.800	6.025	6.025
Total use	14.310	15.840	16.065	16.065
Ending stocks	3.836	4.258	4.116	4.116
			ercent	
Stocks-to-use ratio	26.8	26.9	25.6	25.6
Extra-long staple:		1,00	0 acres	
Planted	328	318	290	290
Harvested	235		288	288
		P	ounds	
Yield/harvested acre	904	1,054	1,159	1,159
		1,000 48	0-lb. bales	
Beginning stocks	65	103	103	103
Production	442	679	696	696
Total supply 1/	519	792	809	809
Mill use	147	160	160	160
Exports	288	400	375	375
Total use	435	560	535	535
Ending stocks	103	242	284	284
		Pe	rcent	
Stocks-to-use ratio		43.2	53.0	53.0

Based on USDA estimates. 1/ Includes imports.

WORLD COTTON SUPPLY AND USE ESTIMATES

1999/2000 1998/99 Dec Feb Item Jan ______ Million 480-lb. bales Supply: Beginning stocks 40.77 41.66 36.89 37.72 41.74 41.74 37.80 37.80 World 37.80 Foreign Production 84.54 87.38 86.36 86.92 World 70.51 69.41 Foreign 70.62 69.97 Imports 25.16 26.38 26.65 24.71 26.30 26.58 26.90 World Foreign 26.83 Use: Mill use 87.89 88.19 77.69 77.99 88.54 78.34 World 85.22 Foreign 74.82 78.34 Exports

 23.65
 26.14
 26.48

 19.31
 19.94
 20.08

 26.53 World Foreign 20.13 Ending stocks 41.15 39.87 36.65 35.47 World 41.74 40.28 35.88 Foreign 37.80 Stocks-to-use ratio Percent

 49.0
 46.8
 45.2

 50.5
 47.2
 45.5

 45.5 45.8 World Foreign

Based on USDA estimates.

		1999		1998
Item	0ct	Nov	Dec	Dec
Cotton:		1.000 4	 180-lb. bales	
Ginnings	5,685	5,499	2,376	1,843
Imports since August 1	50.0	52.5	NA	23.2
Stocks, beginning	4,631	9,293	13,478	10,109
At mills	559	530	509	559
Public storage	3,993	7,929		8,536
CCC stocks	591	1,953	3,870	1,946
Manmade:		Milli	on pounds	
Production	886.4	872.7	842.8	760.9
Noncellulosic	863.7	845.8	813.0	735.4
Cellulosic	22.7	26.9	29.8	25.5
Total since January 1	8,503.9	9,376.6	10,219.4	10,269.7
		1999		1998
	Sep	0ct	Nov	Nov
		 Mill	ion pounds	
Raw fiber imports	124.7	123.0	126.8	124.3
Noncellulosic	119.3	116.2	118.2	118.2
Cellulosic	5.4	6.8	8.6	6.1
Total since January 1	1,182.7	1,305.7	1,432.5	1,376.5
Wool and Mohair:		1,00	00 pounds	
Raw wool imports, clean	2,560	3,798	2,779	4,933
48's-and-finer	964	2,145	1,609	3,362
Not-finer-than-46's	1,596	1,653	1,169	1,571
Total since January 1	34,032	37,830	40,608	66,165
Wool top imports	96	168	152	179
Total since January 1	1,126	1,294	1,446	2,161
Mohair imports, clean	0	0	0	C
Total since January 1	16	16	16	11
NA = Not available.				
COTTON SYSTEM FIBER CONSUMPT	CION			
		1999		1998
Item	 Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec
Cotton:	0.61		180-lb. bales	
All consumed by mills 1/	861	862	748	722
Total since August 1 1/	2,599	3,461	4,209	4,333
SA annual rate 2/	10,245	10,196	10,308	10,247
SA daily rate 2/	39.3	39.1	39.5	39.4
Daily rate	41.0	39.2	32.5	31.4
Upland consumed by mills 1/	849	852	739	711
Total since August 1 1/	2,562	3,414	4,153	4,275

	1999			1000	
Item	Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec	
Cotton:		1,000 4	80-lb. bales		
All consumed by mills 1/	861	862	748	722	
Total since August 1 1/	2,599	3,461	4,209	4,333	
SA annual rate 2/	10,245	10,196	10,308	10,247	
SA daily rate 2/	39.3	39.1	39.5	39.4	
Daily rate	41.0	39.2	32.5	31.4	
Upland consumed by mills 1/	849	852	739	711	
Total since August 1 1/	2,562	3,414	4,153	4,275	
SA daily rate 2/	38.7	38.6	39.1	38.9	
Daily rate	40.5	38.7	32.1	30.9	
Spindles in place	4,887	4,801	4,754	5,337	
Active spindles	4,574	4,476	4,396	5,017	
100 percent cotton	2,409	2,377	2,348	2,665	
100 percent manmade	744	758	748	753	
Blends	1,421	1,341	1,300	1,599	
		Per	cent		
Cotton's share of fibers	78.7	78.8	78.0	80.3	
Manmade:		1,00	0 pounds		
Total consumed by mills 1/	111,823	111,200	101,050	85,093	
Total since August 1 1/	339,492	450,692	551,742	530,967	
Daily rate	5,325	5,055	4,393	3,700	
Noncellulosic staple	4,984	4,731	4,107	3,469	
Cellulosic staple	341	324	286	231	

 $^{1/\ \}mbox{Adjusted}$ to calendar month. $\ \ 2/\ \mbox{SA}$ = seasonally adjusted.

1999			1998	
Sep	0ct	Nov	Nov	
	1,000 4	 80-lb. bales		
133	159		782	
	528		1,703	
			15	
122	238	284	149	
13.2	7.6	24.8	13.	
		62.9	39.5	
		2.0	5.3	
3.0	3.0	5.0	9.4	
	Milli	on pounds		
82.6	96.8	92.4	76.3	
79.2	91.7	87.2	73.3	
3.4	5.1	5.2	3.0	
718.9	815.7	908.1	945.2	
	1,000	pounds		
536.2	621.3	231.6	7.0	
2,448.0	3,069.3	3,350.9	1,665.	
491.3	542.8	181.1	415.6	
3,804.1	4,346.9	4,528.0	5,333.8	
531.2	655.9	489.3	316.3	
3,132.3	7,788.2	4,277.5	1,869.1	
			1000	
		2000	1999	
Nov	Dec	Jan 	Jan	
	Cents	per pound		
			41.7	
			64.5	
			65.36	
			56.20	
82.35	81.38	80.90	97.66	
44.70	43.00	44.40	58.10	
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			105.21	
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53.00	53.00	53.00	51.00	
55.21	55.21	55.21	53.13	
	P	ercent		
61.4	59.3	64.4	68.3	
112.5			134.8	
es:	Cents	per pound		
46.13	44.24	47.80	55.78	
54.31	52.75	58.69	NÇ	
54.31	52.75	58.19	69.3	
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0.45			0 7	
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			1.42	
			0.95	
			1.49	
1.00	0.95	0.95	1.19	
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NQ = No quotes. 1/ In bond, Charleston, SC.

		1999		1998
Item	Sep	Oct	Nov	Nov
Imports:	1,000 pounds 1/			
Yarn, thread, and fabric	238,717	246,458	238,473	206,812
Cotton	102,268		110,560	86,685
Linen	20,471		14,872	27,353
Wool	3,924		4,185	3,654
Silk	837		968	782
Manmade Apparel	111,217 802,165	110,518 727,614	107,888 648,131	88,338 540,093
Cotton	447,005	422,089	396,963	332,027
Linen	20,647		15,711	14,864
Wool	35,976		17,832	15,286
Silk	12,945		11,548	9,860
Manmade	285,592	247,084	206,077	168,056
House furnishings	73,375	66,016	61,603	49,228
Cotton	52,016	47,138	43,198	34,142
Linen	625	563	864	140
Wool	296	223	303	94
Silk	112	87	121	100
Manmade	20,326	18,005	17,117	14,752
Floor covering	31,836	34,051	34,612	29,037
Cotton Linen	4,128 4,736	4,135 4,515	4,374 4,813	3,410 3,716
Wool	8,781	9,952	10,046	8,942
Silk	570	651	740	545
Manmade	13,621	14,798	14,639	12,424
Total imports 2/		1,081,875	990,348	831,612
Cotton	609,084		558,896	459,511
Linen	46,555		36,316	46,153
Wool	49,291	42,811	35,553	28,112
Silk	14,465	14,809	13,378	11,288
Manmade	435,019	394,338	349,205	286,548
Exports:		1,000	pounds 1/	
Yarn, thread, and fabric	193,571	215,925	205,497	165,157
Cotton	74,683	81,978	79,334	62,069
Linen	5,629	5,926	5,660	5,373
Wool	6,056	6,056	6,334	4,343
Silk	2,183	2,352	2,306	1,763
Manmade	105,020	119,613	111,863	91,609
Apparel	142,432			160,093
Cotton Linen	86,582 1,994	•	90,514 2,618	94,881 1,798
Wool	5,838		5,311	7,292
Silk	3,372		3,900	3,689
Manmade	44,646			52,433
House furnishings	7,744		8,725	8,376
Cotton	4,454		5,085	4,914
Linen	199	283	286	376
Wool	82	78	73	86
Silk	92	113	194	227
Manmade	2,917	3,040	3,087	2,773
Floor covering	35,180		38,602	37,337
Cotton	2,445		2,887	3,114
Linen	1,688			1,754
Wool	3,655			3,341
Silk	80		112	96
Manmade Total exports 2/	27,312 379,193		29,457 400,971	29,032 371,501
Cotton	168,251			
Linen	9,518			9,307
Wool	15,642			
Silk	5,727	6 288	6 512	5,774
Manmade	180,055		190,120	176,004
1/ Paw fiber equivalent 2				

^{1/} Raw fiber equivalent. 2/ Includes headgear.

		1999		1998
Item	Sep	Oct	Nov	Nov
	1	,000 pounds	: 1/	
North America	247,797	255,679	256,516	202,39
Canada	23,207	24,543	24,588	20,25
Costa Rica	11,297	9,867	10,139	8,64
Dominican Republic	22,335	21,959	21,110	20,83
El Salvador	18,343	20,767	18,189	11,90
Guatemala	11,155	12,399	12,134	8,32
Haiti	4,216	3,721	3,729	3,18
Honduras	35,042	34,442	37,070	23,95
Jamaica	3,678	4,056	4,427	5,58
Mexico	113,895		120,281	96,43
Nicaragua	4,180	4,075	4,423	2,78
South America	10,411	11,299	10,296	7,72
Argentina	18	29	13	2
Brazil	3,066	3,752	3,641	1,25
Chile	1	10	43	1
Colombia	3,374	3,846	2,913	3,04
Peru	3,543	3,294	3,260	2,93
urope	39,412	41,649	38,176	23,94
Estonia	718	411	530	83
Germany	1,245	1,189	1,136	85
Italy	2,572	3,594	3,811	3,30
Portugal	4,755	5,856	4,874	2,95
Russia	1,852	1,706	1,757	84
Spain	1,401	1,083	1,440	1,41
Turkey	19,792	20,210	17,164	8,66
United Kingdom	1,512	1,626	1,410	1,29
sia	293,849	258,624	237,693	211,87
Bahrain	1,470	1,325	1,595	1,09
Bangladesh	21,777	17,349	15,280	12,24
China	44,497	34,961	28,308	27,29
Hong Kong	28,658	27,598	28,343	28,18
India	32,107	28,816	25,935	23,5
Indonesia	16,306	14,010	11,144	10,88
Israel	3,046	2,738	3,081	2,40
Japan	1,269	1,283	1,349	1,14
Macao	5,479	4,597	4,882	5,5
Malaysia	7,122	5,599	5,150	4,76
Nepal	1,733	991	1,345	1,29
Oman	1,661		2,442	1,83
Pakistan	40,505		41,429	29,10
Philippines	13,185	11,107	8,567	9,50
Qatar	1,621	1,059	1,219	1,10
Singapore	3,163	2,753	2,169	2,10
South Korea	10,588	8,715	8,444	7,14
Sri Lanka	8,124	6,992	6,231	7,19
Taiwan	16,859	12,885	11,927	12,64
Thailand U Arab Em	15,454 3,118		14,465 3,242	11,35
Oceania	2,477			86
Australia Fiji	1,147 956	1,352 541	1,267 316	70
	48 495	1 4 805		
frica	15,138	14,705	14,438	12,70
Egypt	6,207	5,473	5,898	5,63
Lesotho	1,968	2,463	1,684	1,54
Mauritius	2,319	1,907	2,054	2,00
Morocco	660	790	914	98
South Africa Tunisia	1,707 36	1,690 40	1,771 94	98
forld 2/	609,084	584,314	558,896	459,51

^{1/} Raw fiber equivalent. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

		1999		
Country	Sep	Oct	Nov	Nov
	1,	000 pounds	1/	
North America	150,989	158,677	159,566	143,53
Canada	30,207	31,997	31,049	29,66
Costa Rica	7,639	8,884	6,599	7,61
Dominican Republic	12,183	9,521	11,265	15,06
El Salvador	3,771	5,661	5,853	5,898
Guatemala	4,650	2,501	2,526	3,10
Haiti	2,139	1,556	1,703	1,330
Honduras	19,251	18,518	19,035	17,27
Jamaica	2,672	2,830	2,931	3,19
Mexico	66,747	75,614	76,940	58,80
South America	2,787	4,309	3,631	3,64
Argentina	120	127	111	16
Brazil	509	445	284	43
Chile	287	638	813	54
Colombia	1,088	1,188	1,347	1,36
Peru	95	76	179	15
Venezuela	538	1,349	691	61
'urope	6,532	7,616	6,578	8,25
Belgium	1,853	2,804	1,921	3,20
France	378	402	305	55
Germany	753	731	914	85
Ireland	58	76	137	11
Italy	323	288	582	35
Netherlands	360	541	309	37
United Kingdom	1,562	1,623	1,236	1,80
asia	6,796	6,637	6,678	8,098
China	130	187	253	27
Hong Kong	818	789	677	1,24
Israel	612	459	392	84
Japan	2,855	2,861	2,768	2,61
Philippines	174	264	385	31
Saudi Arabia	257	191	512	66
Singapore	342	387	250	30
South Korea	384	316	273	47
Taiwan	130	164	211	23
U Arab Em	238	310	137	31
Oceania	571	1,030	633	70
Australia	439	836	460	50!
New Zealand	111	105	131	12:
frica	577	766	804	79
Egypt	5	10	37	5
Ghana	62	38	41	4:
Ivory Coast	22	47	132	3
Nigeria	115	210	327	10
South Africa	68	50	65	133
World 2/	168,251	179,035	177,889	165,04

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ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATES FOR 1999

State/ Region	Vanvostad	Yi el d	Production
region	nai vesteu		
		Lbs/	
	1,000 acres	harvested acre	1,000 bales
Upl and:			
Al abama	560	549	640
Fl ori da	106	589	130
Georgi a	1, 300	580	1, 570
N. Carolina	800	486	810
S. Carolina	315	419	275
Vi rgi ni a	108	667	150
Southeast	3, 189	538	3, 575
Arkansas	960	715	1, 430
Loui si ana	610	708	900
Mi ssi ssi ppi	1, 180	708	1, 740
Mi ssouri	375	595	465
Tennessee	565	501	590
Delta	3, 690	667	5, 125
Kansas	28	384	22
0kl ahoma	150	464	145
Texas	5, 100	475	5, 050
Southwest	5, 278	474	5, 217
Ari zona	264	1, 236	680
Cal i forni a	605	1, 250	1, 575
New Mexico	67	609	85
West	936	1, 200	2, 340
Total Upland	13, 093	596	16, 257
Pi ma:			
Ari zona	10	960	19
Cal i forni a	239	1, 245	620
New Mexico	8	608	10
Texas	32	705	47
Total Pima	288	1, 159	696
Total All	13, 381	608	16, 953

Based on USDA's January Crop Production report.