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Cotton Area Projected Higher in 2000

Farmers intend to plant nearly 15.6 million acres of cotton in 2000 (up 5 percent), according to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) *Prospective Plantings* report released on March 31. Upland plantings are expected to surpass 15.3 million acres, 5 percent above 1999, while extra-long staple (ELS) area is projected to fall 25 percent to 217,000 acres.

The anticipated increase in upland area from last season is attributable to several factors, including the benefits of the cotton marketing loan program, changes to government programs related to cotton, and long-term drought conditions--that favor cotton over alternative crops--that have plagued parts of the Cottonbelt, particularly Texas.

While December cotton futures prices for the first three months of 2000 were similar to a year ago at nearly 61 cents per pound, competing crop prices for corn (September futures) and soybeans (November futures) were slightly higher than a year ago. However, the related price ratios evidently still favor cotton. During January-March 2000, the corn:cotton ratio averaged 4.0, compared with 3.8 a year ago, while the soybean:cotton ratio averaged 8.7, compared with 8.5 in 1999. Also, with relatively low farm prices during 1999, the marketing loan program provided the possibility of additional benefits (loan deficiency payments) of up to 22 cents per pound to the producer. Although producer expectations for these payments are likely to be lower in 2000, changes in the crop insurance program and in payment limitations have helped boost cotton area expectations for the upcoming season.

According to the *Prospective Plantings* report, each region reported area gains from the 1999 season. In the Southwest, upland area is projected to rise 3 percent to 6.6 million acres, the largest area since 1995. The Delta is expected to expand 5.5 percent to 3.9 million acres, the highest since 1996. Area in the Southeast is also likely to increase to 3.6 million acres, 5 percent above last season and the highest planted area since 1954. Meanwhile, the West is projected to jump 22 percent to nearly 1.2 million acres, similar to 1997 but at the expense of ELS plantings in California.

While only a handful of States have planted any cotton, plantings seem to be progressing faster than average this spring. As of April 9, California, Arizona, and Texas led the way with cotton plantings at 35 percent, 28 percent, and 11 percent complete. Several other States have 5 percent or less planted at this point. Overall, as of April 9, U.S. cotton plantings were 8 percent complete, compared with 5 percent last year and a 5-year average of 6 percent.

1999/2000 U.S. Total Supply/Demand Unchanged

While minor adjustments were made to the upland and ELS balance sheets this month, the totals for U.S. cotton supply and demand remain unchanged. U.S. supply this season is estimated at 21 million bales, 15 percent above 1998/99. Demand, however, is also higher this season--nearly 13 percent above a year ago--at 16.6 million bales.

U.S. mill use remains estimated at 10.1 million bales in 1999/2000, 3 percent below last season. During the first 7 months of the season, reports from the Department of Commerce indicate that mills used about 5.9 million bales, compared with 6 million a year earlier. As a result, the seasonally adjusted annual rate for this period has averaged about 10.1 million bales. Exports, on the other hand, are projected to improve to 6.5 million bales by season's end, 50 percent better than a year ago. U.S. cotton is more competitive this season, particularly with the refunding of "Step 2." According to USDA's *Export Sales* reports, U.S. cotton shipments approached 4.2 million bales by the end of March, with an additional 2.7 million in outstanding sales. As a result, shipments for the remainder of the season need to average 136,000 bales per week to meet the current estimate.

Based on these supply and demand estimates, U.S. ending stocks on July 31, 2000, are projected to total 4.4 million bales, the highest since 1992. And, although about 500,000 bales above a year ago, the increase in demand this season has provided a stocks-to-use ratio similar to 1998/99 at 26.5 percent. While the first official USDA cotton supply and demand estimates will not be released until May 12, these carryin stocks, along with expectations of a larger crop, should provide the United States with ample opportunity to supply the growing demand for cotton worldwide next season.

World Consumption Expected To Increase 6.6 Percent in 1999/2000

USDA has revised its consumption estimates for China, the world's largest consumer of cotton fiber, for much of the 1990's, and the data series for world consumption has been noticeably affected. China accounts for 22-25 percent of world consumption, so the behavior of world consumption over time is slightly different than previously estimated. A sharp upward revision in China's 1999/2000 consumption, and downward revisions in China's 1997/98 and 1998/99 consumption have altered the annual percent changes in world consumption this month. In March, world consumption was estimated to have fallen 3.6 percent in 1998/99 from the year before, and a 4.4-percent annual increase was forecast for 1999/2000. In April, a 2.9-percent decline for 1998/99 is estimated, and a 6.6-percent increase is forecast for 1999/2000. This is the largest annual percentage increase since 1986/87. The decline estimated for 1998/99 was the second largest of the last 40 years.

Foreign cotton production in 1999/2000 is forecast at 70 million bales, essentially unchanged from the month before and about the same as in 1998/99. Foreign cotton consumption in 1999/2000 is forecast at a record 80.1 million bales, 1.3 million bales higher than it was in March. Compared with 1998/99, foreign consumption in 1999/2000 is forecast to rise 7.9 percent. This would be the largest percentage gain since 1986/87, and the third largest of the last 40 years. The year with the next largest foreign consumption was 1989/90, at 78.1 million bales. If the former Soviet Union is excluded, the next largest year was 1996/97.

Foreign cotton exports in 1999/2000 are forecast at 20.3 million bales, essentially unchanged from the month before, and up 700,000 bales from the year before. Foreign cotton imports in 1999/2000 are forecast at 27.4 million bales, 250,000 bales higher than in March, but 2.7 million bales higher than in 1998/99.

Foreign cotton ending stocks in 1999/2000 are forecast at 38.2 million bales, 2.7 million bales higher than were forecast the month before, and 3.3 million bales lower than the revised estimate for 1998/99. However, China accounts for both of these changes in their entirety. Excluding China, the April 1999/2000 forecast is unchanged from the month before, and 1.7 million bales above the year before.

USDA Revises China's Estimated Consumption: 1991/92-1999/2000

USDA has revised its consumption estimates for China beginning in 1991/92, with consequences for stocks in each of those years. Generally, consumption estimates have been revised downward, and stocks upward. Recently released information from China has prompted USDA to reduce its estimates of cotton's share in China's yarn production during much of the 1990's. USDA has also increased its estimates of China's non-yarn consumption of cotton, partly offsetting the impact of reduced consumption for yarn in recent years. However, USDA's estimated ending stocks for China's cotton since 1995/96 are now higher than were estimated last month. A recent report in *Cotton Outlook* provided a China government official's corroboration that 1998/99 ending stock levels in China exceeded USDA's previous estimate. This provided further confirmation that USDA's estimate for cotton's fiber share in China should be revised. There is still substantial uncertainty about any statistics about China, but the revised estimates incorporate the best information available regarding China's supply and demand balances, and utilize information that should be objectively updatable for future years.

During 1985-1991, *China Textile Industry Yearbook* published annual calendar year estimates of cotton's share of fiber used for yarn production. China's National Statistics Bureau (NSB—previously the State Statistics Bureau, SSB) publishes estimates of total yarn production, and yarn use of cotton was determined from these two data series. Since 1992 the share data series has no longer been available, and USDA has estimated the share, assuming a downward trend. However, published reports from China frequently cited shares even lower than USDA's estimates in recent years, suggesting some revision might be appropriate.

At the September 1999 China International Cotton Conference in Xi'an, China, an official of the Textile Industry Bureau presented a paper updating the data series on cotton's share through 1998. At USDA's February 2000 Agricultural Outlook forum, an official from the China National Cotton Exchange presented data for 1999 and an estimate for 2000. Adjusting these shares into marketing years gave estimated shares as much as 7 percentage points below USDA's previous estimates in some years, and have led USDA to revise downward its estimate of the amount of cotton utilized to produce yarn in China during the second half of the 1990's. Utilization for yarn is reduced as much as 375,000-400,000 tons in some years.

Yarn production is not the only use of cotton in China, and USDA has revised upwards its estimate of non-yarn use. USDA has assumed that other uses of cotton total 450,000 tons in recent years, utilizing a fixed estimate since 1993/94. Many reports from China provide a larger estimate than 450,000 tons, and USDA has revised its estimate up to 600,000 tons starting in 1992/93 to reflect this information. Uses other than yarn production include wadding, military use, medical use, on-farm use, and processing waste. Few reports summarizing this non-yarn use range below 500,000 tons, and some range above 800,000 tons. Given the descriptions in China's press and government reports in recent years suggesting these various uses of cotton may range between 100,000 and 250,000 tons each, an estimate of 600,000 tons now seems closer to reality than 450,000 tons.

China's production of non-cotton yarns, mostly chemical fiber, has grown fairly steadily since 1988/89, and has surged since 1994/95. According to USDA estimates, production of yarn from other fibers will have more than tripled since 1988/89 by the end of this marketing year. During this time, production of cotton yarns has generally fallen, dropping more than 10 percent between 1988/89 and 1998/99. However, with cotton price reform coinciding with a crackdown on chemical fiber smuggling and a revival in China's textile industry, cotton is a much more attractive fiber for the textile industry. During 1999/2000, cotton yarn production is expected to rebound substantially.

Estimated 1999/2000 exports and imports are unchanged from the month before. Although China has recently initiated its long-awaited release of old-crop stocks, there appears to be sufficient domestic interest in this cotton. Also, trade volumes are regulated by policy, and there is no apparent sign of changes in export and import policy that could affect the remaining months of the marketing year. USDA will release its first official forecast of China's 2000/01 exports and imports in July 2000.

Textile Imports and Exports Rebound in January 2000

January textile imports, at 991 million pounds (raw-fiber equivalent) were up 6 percent from December and 15 percent above a year earlier. Overall, imports increased in all major fibers except wool and all major end-use categories except apparel from a month ago. Cotton textile imports, at 538 million pounds, accounted for 54 percent of total imports in January and about the same level as December shipments. Asian textile-producing countries remain the most important source of cotton textile imports, accounting for 52 percent in January 2000.

Textile exports totaled 256 million pounds, up 4 percent from December and increased 8 percent above January 1999. Overall, textile exports were higher for all major fibers and end-use categories of apparel and yarn, thread, and fabric. Slight declines occurred in exports of home furnishings and floor coverings in January from a month earlier. Cotton textile exports rose to above 162 million pounds, 9 percent above January and a year ago. Shipments to North American countries accounted for 91 percent of the total. Compared with a year ago, cotton exports decreased to all other regions.

The textile trade deficit for all fibers during January was 635 million pounds, 20 percent above a year earlier. The deficit increased for cotton, linen, and manmade fibers. Cotton's share of the trade deficit was 59 percent in January 2000.

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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-0400) will be released on May 15, 2000.

Recent data indicate that very few people are obtaining reports and data from the Autofax system. However, maintaining this system is costly to ERS. As a result, we are planning to phase out Autofax access to the *Cotton and Wool Outlook* report as of July 2000. Starting in July, we are planning to only provide access to this report through the Internet. You can find this document at www.ers.usda.gov in PDF and ASCII formats. It will be available on the same schedule through the Internet as through the Autofax (e.g., at approximately 4:30 EST on the day of release). If you have questions or concerns about this planned change, please contact Joy Harwood at 202-694-5310 or Fred Surls at 202-694-5202. We want to know who our customers are and how we can best serve you.

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U.S. COTTON SUPPLY AND USE ESTIMATES

Item	1998/99	1999/2000 Feb	Mar	Apr
Upland:		Million acres		
Planted	13.064	14.565	14.565	14.565
Harvested	10.449	13.093	13.093	13.093
		Pounds		
Yield/harvested acre	619	596	596	597
		Million 480-lb bales		
Beginning stocks	3.822	3.836	3.836	3.836
Production	13.476	16.257	16.257	16.279
Total supply 1/	17.729	20.158	20.178	20.190
Mill use	10.254	10.040	9.950	9.950
Exports	4.056	6.025	6.100	6.100
Total use	14.310	16.050	16.050	16.050
Ending stocks	3.836	4.116	4.126	4.138
		Percent		
Stocks-to-use ratio	26.8	25.6	25.7	25.8
Extra-long staple:		1,000 acres		
Planted	328	290	290	290
Harvested	235	288	288	288
		Pounds		
Yield/harvested acre	904	1,159	1,159	1,123
		1,000 480-lb bales		
Beginning stocks	65	103	103	103
Production	442	696	696	674
Total supply 1/	519	809	814	802
Mill use	147	160	150	150
Exports	288	375	400	400
Total use	435	535	550	550
Ending stocks	103	284	274	262
		Percent		
Stocks-to-use ratio	23.7	53.0	49.8	47.6

Based on USDA estimates. 1/ Includes imports.

WORLD COTTON SUPPLY AND USE ESTIMATES

Item	1998/99	1999/2000 Jan	Feb	Mar
Supply:		Million 480-lb bales		
Beginning stocks				
World	43.87	41.74	41.74	45.44
Foreign	39.99	37.80	37.80	41.50
Production				
World	84.54	86.92	86.87	86.99
Foreign	70.62	69.97	69.92	70.04
Imports				
World	25.16	26.90	27.24	27.49
Foreign	24.71	26.83	27.14	27.39
Use:				
Mill use				
World	84.62	88.54	88.96	90.21
Foreign	74.22	78.34	78.86	80.11
Exports				
World	23.65	26.53	26.71	26.83
Foreign	19.31	20.13	20.21	20.33
Ending stocks				
World	45.44	40.28	39.94	42.64
Foreign	41.50	35.88	35.54	38.24
Stocks-to-use ratio		Percent		
World	53.7	45.5	44.9	47.3
Foreign	55.9	45.8	45.1	47.7

Based on USDA estimates.

FIBER SUPPLY

Item	1999 Dec	2000 Jan	2000 Feb	1999 Feb
Cotton:		1,000 480-lb bales		
Ginnings	2,376	525	97	95
Imports since August 1	57.7	63.4	NA	40.5
Stocks, beginning	13,478	14,453	13,526	9,598
At mills	509	543	513	586
Public storage	11,345	12,242	11,308	8,677
CCC stocks	3,870	6,716	1,503	3,488
Manmade:		Million pounds		
Production	842.8	869.1	891.2	799.0
Noncellulosic	813.0	840.0	861.5	776.3
Cellulosic	29.8	29.1	29.7	22.7
Total since January 1	10,219.4	869.1	1,760.3	1,628.2

	1999 Nov	1999 Dec	2000 Jan	1999 Jan
		Million pounds		
Raw fiber imports	126.8	134.6	153.1	125.8
Noncellulosic	118.2	128.1	147.7	120.3
Cellulosic	8.6	6.5	5.4	5.5
Total since January 1	1,432.5	1,567.1	153.1	125.8
Wool and Mohair:		1,000 pounds		
Raw wool imports, clean	2,778	2,466	4,886	6,151
48's-and-finer	1,609	1,138	3,105	4,416
Not-finer-than-46's	1,169	1,328	1,781	1,735
Total since January 1	40,608	43,074	4,886	6,151
Wool top imports	152	126	385	35
Total since January 1	1,447	1,573	385	35
Mohair imports, clean	0	0	4	0
Total since January 1	16	16	4	0

NA = Not available.

COTTON SYSTEM FIBER CONSUMPTION

Item	1999 Dec	2000 Jan	2000 Feb	1999 Feb
Cotton:		1,000 480-lb bales		
All consumed by mills 1/	752	800	840	824
Total since August 1 1/	4,212	5,012	5,852	6,039
SA annual rate 2/	10,282	10,281	9,713	10,465
SA daily rate 2/	39.4	39.4	37.2	40.2
Daily rate	32.7	38.1	40.0	41.2
Upland consumed by mills 1/	742	789	827	811
Total since August 1 1/	4,157	4,946	5,773	5,956
SA daily rate 2/	39.0	38.9	36.6	39.6
Daily rate	32.3	37.6	39.4	40.6
Spindles in place	4,712	4,623	4,587	5,212
Active spindles	4,387	4,421	4,389	4,871
100 percent cotton	2,350	2,395	2,407	2,608
100 percent manmade	724	721	682	753
Blends	1,313	1,305	1,300	1,510
		Percent		
Cotton's share of fibers	78.5	78.2	78.6	79.7
Manmade:		1,000 pounds		
Total consumed by mills 1/	98,755	106,893	109,890	100,718
Total since August 1 1/	549,447	656,340	766,230	742,642
Daily rate	4,294	5,090	5,233	5,036
Noncellulosic staple	4,011	4,805	4,957	4,689
Cellulosic staple	283	285	276	347

1/ Adjusted to calendar month. 2/ SA = seasonally adjusted.

FIBER EXPORTS

Item	1999 Nov	1999 Dec	2000 Jan	1999 Jan
Cotton:		1,000 480-lb bales		
Upland exports	430	622	612	110
Total since August 1	958	1,580	2,192	2,820
Sales for next season	47	37	58	27
Total since August 1	284	321	379	198
ELS exports	24.8	32.3	46.1	46.4
Total since August 1	62.9	95.3	141.4	105.8
Sales for next season	2.0	2.2	5.0	11.9
Total since August 1	5.0	7.2	12.2	25.6
Manmade:		Million pounds		
Raw fiber exports	92.4	82.2	78.0	71.9
Noncellulosic	87.2	78.8	73.4	69.2
Cellulosic	5.2	3.2	4.6	2.7
Total since January 1	908.1	990.1	78.0	71.9
Wool and Mohair:		1,000 pounds		
Raw wool exports, clean	281.6	342.9	343.8	9.1
Total since January 1	3,693.8	4,036.7	343.8	9.1
Wool top exports	181.1	81.5	434.0	400.8
Total since January 1	4,528.0	4,609.5	434.0	400.8
Mohair exports, clean	489.3	293.0	350.9	255.9
Total since January 1	5,277.5	5,570.5	350.9	255.9

FIBER PRICES

Item	2000 Jan	2000 Feb	2000 Mar	1999 Mar
		Cents per pound		
Domestic cotton prices:				
Adjusted World Price	32.74	39.11	43.07	42.64
May'2000 futures	56.35	58.76	60.99	61.39
Dec'2000 futures	59.12	61.31	62.33	61.77
Upland spot 41-34	51.92	54.29	57.67	58.17
Pima spot 03-46	80.90	82.00	83.30	86.37
Avg. price received by:				
Upland producers	43.10	45.90	47.80	55.10
Mill delivered:				
Cotton				
Actual	58.52	61.67	64.76	66.31
Raw fiber equivalent	65.02	68.52	71.96	73.68
Rayon staple				
Actual	97.00	97.00	97.00	101.00
Raw fiber equivalent	101.04	101.04	101.04	105.21
Polyester staple				
Actual	53.00	55.00	55.00	51.00
Raw fiber equivalent	55.21	57.29	57.29	53.13
Price ratios		Percent		
Cotton/rayon	64.4	67.8	71.2	70.0
Cotton/polyester	117.8	119.6	125.6	138.7
Northern Europe cotton quotes:		Cents per pound		
A Index	47.80	53.63	57.45	56.74
Memphis Territory	58.69	60.94	64.70	NQ
California/Arizona	58.19	60.81	65.20	71.63
B Index	43.59	48.33	53.53	53.28
Orleans/Texas	45.06	47.69	52.80	64.00
Wool prices (clean):		Dollars per pound		
U.S. 56's	0.45	0.45	0.49	0.65
Australian 56's 1/	1.26	1.20	1.18	1.36
U.S. 60's	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.95
Australian 60's 1/	1.41	1.32	1.26	1.47
U.S. 64's	0.95	0.95	1.01	1.15
Australian 64's 1/	1.54	1.46	1.44	1.57

NQ = No quotes.
1/ In bond, Charleston, SC.

TEXTILE TRADE

Item	1999 Nov	1999 Dec	2000 Jan	1999 Jan
Imports:		1,000 pounds 1/		
Yarn, thread, and fabric	238,473	233,891	279,037	211,671
Cotton	110,560	108,124	113,866	87,787
Linen	14,872	14,266	42,624	26,678
Wool	4,185	3,660	3,855	3,114
Silk	968	951	1,058	736
Manmade	107,888	106,890	117,634	93,357
Apparel	648,131	605,600	603,476	559,039
Cotton	396,963	380,937	367,149	340,605
Linen	15,711	15,819	18,715	18,818
Wool	17,832	12,779	12,900	12,371
Silk	11,548	11,986	15,564	15,148
Manmade	206,077	184,079	189,148	172,096
House furnishings	61,603	56,180	66,173	51,081
Cotton	43,198	39,626	48,516	38,059
Linen	864	759	901	289
Wool	303	336	214	93
Silk	121	96	114	35
Manmade	17,117	15,363	16,428	12,605
Floor coverings	34,612	32,283	34,692	31,555
Cotton	4,374	3,903	4,837	5,134
Linen	4,813	4,601	5,713	4,331
Wool	10,046	10,848	10,282	9,752
Silk	740	692	715	627
Manmade	14,639	12,239	13,145	11,712
Total imports 2/	990,348	936,041	990,922	860,142
Cotton	558,896	536,585	538,333	475,496
Linen	36,316	35,501	68,023	50,174
Wool	35,553	27,741	27,326	25,436
Silk	13,378	13,726	17,451	16,547
Manmade	349,205	322,488	339,789	292,489
Exports:		1,000 pounds 1/		
Yarn, thread, and fabric	205,497	176,23	184,876	150,355
Cotton	79,334	65,786	71,997	55,722
Linen	5,660	5,017	5,317	4,419
Wool	6,334	5,170	5,304	3,392
Silk	2,306	2,220	1,806	1,540
Manmade	111,863	98,040	100,452	85,282
Apparel	146,859	124,221	135,826	143,649
Cotton	90,514	76,083	84,677	86,649
Linen	2,618	2,206	1,904	1,270
Wool	5,311	4,855	5,785	6,097
Silk	3,900	3,356	3,876	3,235
Manmade	44,516	37,721	39,584	46,398
House furnishings	8,725	7,953	5,845	6,083
Cotton	5,085	4,730	3,513	3,952
Linen	286	176	169	203
Wool	86	72	39	40
Silk	194	111	58	67
Manmade	3,087	2,864	2,066	1,821
Floor coverings	38,602	32,319	29,011	28,923
Cotton	2,887	2,312	1,981	2,404
Linen	1,930	1,408	1,332	1,483
Wool	4,216	3,364	3,365	2,352
Silk	112	85	67	82
Manmade	29,457	25,150	22,266	22,601
Total exports 2/	400,971	340,937	355,846	329,205
Cotton	177,889	148,971	162,263	148,785
Linen	10,502	8,814	8,735	7,382
Wool	15,947	13,474	14,508	11,891
Silk	6,512	5,772	5,807	4,924
Manmade	190,120	163,906	164,533	156,224

1/ Raw fiber equivalent. 2/ Includes headgear.

U.S. COTTON TEXTILE IMPORTS

Item	1999 Nov	1999 Dec	2000 Jan	1999 Jan
	1,000 pounds 1/			
North America	256,516	237,463	192,781	165,973
Canada	24,588	19,195	21,729	16,567
Costa Rica	10,139	9,199	7,024	6,174
Dominican Republic	21,110	22,276	9,662	10,407
El Salvador	18,189	20,865	16,538	11,931
Guatemala	12,134	12,024	10,464	8,425
Haiti	3,729	4,393	2,942	2,185
Honduras	37,070	35,916	26,198	23,473
Jamaica	4,427	3,768	2,291	3,647
Mexico	120,281	105,775	92,122	79,681
Nicaragua	4,423	3,809	3,603	3,094
South America	10,296	13,627	12,530	7,325
Argentina	13	4	4	26
Brazil	3,641	5,253	6,532	2,635
Chile	43	21	18	26
Colombia	2,913	4,077	2,132	1,935
Peru	3,260	3,824	3,365	2,225
Europe	38,176	37,716	36,894	24,278
Estonia	530	406	613	639
Germany	1,136	1,157	974	590
Italy	3,811	3,952	3,954	431
Portugal	4,874	3,508	3,077	2,676
Russia	1,757	1,894	1,790	1,518
Spain	1,440	1,215	839	708
Turkey	17,164	17,619	17,127	12,234
United Kingdom	1,410	1,418	978	947
Asia	237,693	231,572	279,514	256,332
Bahrain	1,595	1,574	2,296	1,017
Bangladesh	15,280	14,836	21,926	21,557
China	28,308	25,730	34,532	29,995
Hong Kong	28,343	26,145	30,475	28,763
India	25,935	25,422	31,113	30,873
Indonesia	11,144	10,792	11,835	14,897
Israel	3,081	3,385	3,749	3,065
Japan	1,349	1,701	1,440	1,294
Macao	4,882	4,292	4,988	6,756
Malaysia	5,150	3,997	4,748	6,576
Nepal	1,345	1,308	1,708	1,940
Oman	2,442	1,984	1,615	1,878
Pakistan	41,429	42,621	43,854	29,950
Philippines	8,567	7,597	15,218	12,030
Qatar	1,219	1,363	1,255	1,208
Singapore	2,169	1,856	2,973	2,432
South Korea	8,444	8,391	10,141	9,250
Sri Lanka	6,231	7,068	8,609	10,083
Taiwan	11,927	12,438	12,586	13,726
Thailand	14,465	13,520	15,748	12,837
U Arab Em	3,242	3,817	3,425	2,590
Oceania	1,777	1,715	2,425	2,427
Australia	1,267	1,058	1,186	1,547
Fiji	316	484	704	625
Africa	14,438	14,492	14,190	13,469
Egypt	5,898	6,480	6,168	5,671
Lesotho	1,684	1,695	1,653	1,560
Mauritius	2,054	1,873	1,482	2,079
Morocco	914	859	753	900
South Africa	1,771	1,136	1,524	1,173
Tunisia	94	77	98	85
World 2/	558,896	536,585	538,333	475,496

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U.S. COTTON TEXTILE EXPORTS

Country	1999 Nov	1999 Dec	2000 Jan	1999 Jan
	1,000 pounds 1/			
North America	159,566	131,372	146,781	129,639
Canada	31,049	24,693	28,739	24,851
Costa Rica	6,599	5,166	7,013	6,177
Dominican Republic	11,265	8,920	12,902	12,955
El Salvador	5,853	6,519	8,719	5,283
Guatemala	2,526	1,771	2,463	2,621
Haiti	1,703	1,598	1,733	2,022
Honduras	19,035	16,325	21,613	15,758
Jamaica	2,931	1,911	1,879	2,767
Mexico	76,940	62,428	60,187	55,796
South America	3,631	3,051	2,957	3,203
Argentina	111	211	101	137
Brazil	284	246	406	404
Chile	813	1,087	610	949
Colombia	1,347	918	903	1,076
Peru	179	78	68	82
Venezuela	691	283	650	277
Europe	6,578	6,284	5,867	7,789
Belgium	1,921	2,047	2,189	1,824
France	305	213	404	292
Germany	914	920	442	751
Ireland	137	176	55	90
Italy	582	255	246	760
Netherlands	309	498	533	695
United Kingdom	1,236	1,260	1,275	2,551
Asia	6,678	7,104	5,852	6,761
China	253	362	167	115
Hong Kong	677	618	530	718
Israel	392	811	379	690
Japan	2,768	2,895	2,936	2,954
Philippines	385	165	177	267
Saudi Arabia	512	463	357	527
Singapore	250	317	228	192
South Korea	273	322	338	323
Taiwan	211	260	179	149
U Arab Em	137	170	176	235
Oceania	633	586	447	622
Australia	460	461	346	482
New Zealand	131	70	89	50
Africa	804	574	361	617
Egypt	37	0	1	3
Ghana	41	4	26	2
Ivory Coast	132	13	5	44
Nigeria	327	143	21	199
South Africa	65	122	41	84
World 2/	177,889	148,971	162,263	148,785

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ACTUAL AND PROJECTED COTTON ACREAGE

State/ Region	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Projected 2000 1/	2000/1999
	1,000 acres			Percent
Upland:				
Alabama	495	565	600	106
Florida	89	107	120	112
Georgia	1,370	1,470	1,500	102
N. Carolina	710	880	940	107
S. Carolina	290	330	360	109
Virginia	92	110	115	105
Southeast	3,046	3,462	3,635	105
Arkansas	920	970	1,000	103
Louisiana	535	615	690	112
Mississippi	950	1,200	1,250	104
Missouri	370	380	400	105
Tennessee	450	570	600	105
Delta	3,225	3,735	3,940	106
Kansas	17	33	36	109
Oklahoma	160	240	280	117
Texas	5,650	6,150	6,300	102
Southwest	5,827	6,423	6,616	103
Arizona	250	265	275	104
California	650	610	800	131
New Mexico	66	70	75	107
West	966	945	1,150	122
Total Upland	13,064	14,565	15,341	105
Pima:				
Arizona	16	10	9	95
California	200	240	175	73
New Mexico	7	8	6	80
Texas	105	33	27	82
Total Pima	328	290	217	75
Total All	13,393	14,855	15,558	105

1/ Planting intentions as indicated by reports from farmers.