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Colombia

Cotton and Products

Colombia's Cotton Update

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Report Highlights:

Cotton production is expected to increase to 52,300 tons in 2004/05, up from 49,580 tons the previous year. Colombia has reportedly exported 1,000 tons of medium and long staple cotton. These are the first exports in over a decade. Consumption and imports of cotton are expected to continue growing.

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Cotton production in Colombia is expected to increase once again this year (2004/05), but not as dramatically as in the previous year. High support prices (the government is guaranteeing producers prices close to US 80 cents per pound) are resulting in greater production, but high production costs are limiting the size of further increases.

Colombia is reportedly exporting cotton for the first time in over a decade through a producer export organization receiving government support. Trade contacts report that exports have been around 1,000 tons. Colombia is a net importer of cotton, but produces only medium and long staple cotton which is currently in surplus.

Cotton consumption continues its strong growth due to increased exports of textiles and apparel to the U.S. under the Andean trade preferences. This growth is expected to continue, particularly since we are in the process of negotiating a bilateral free trade agreement with Colombia, Peru and Ecuador.

PSD Table

Country

Colombia

Commodity

Cotton

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Market Year Begin	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]
	08/2003		08/2004		08/2005	
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Harvested	63000	63500	66000	65000	0	65500
Beginning Stocks	16983	12596	19813	15931	21990	16607
Production	48988	49580	41368	52300	0	53300
Imports	63794	63794	81647	68800	0	73000
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	129765	125970	142828	137031	21990	142907
Exports	0	0	0	1000	0	2000
USE Dom. Consumption	108863	108950	119750	118372	0	124290
Loss Dom. Consumption	1089	1089	1089	1052	0	1068
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	109952	110039	120839	119424	0	125358
Ending Stocks	19813	15931	21990	16607	0	15549
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	129765	125970	142829	137031	0	142907