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Report Highlights:

Cotton production is again revised lower in both Mali and Burkina Faso due to a reduction in acreage and yields from previous estimates. Area declined due to low prices, late rains and high input costs, and yields declined due to unevenly dispersed rainfall during the growing season. Meanwhile, Benin will surpass Mali as the second largest producer in the region as its production is forecast to increase slightly for the second consecutive year. Production in Burkina Faso is expected to rebound in 2008 as approximately 500,000 hectares are expected to be planted.

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Cotton production for 2007/08 in two of Africa's most important cotton producing countries is estimated to decline even further after preliminary post-harvest assessments have been made. In both Mali and Burkina Faso, area declined nearly forty percent and yields also declined slightly from 2006/07 which was already lower than the previous year. Area harvested declined significantly due to low announced cotton prices, the late arrival of inputs and the late arrival of rains. Once rains did arrive, they were poorly distributed and caused flooding in many areas of both Mali and Burkina Faso. Rains also ended abruptly further impacting yields. Production in Benin is expected to increase slightly for the second consecutive year. While all of this production is not collected yet, Benin appears on track to replace Mali as the second largest producer in the region. Benin has achieved this status by doing something other countries have failed to do – increase yields. Low yields remain one of the most critical constraints faced by the sector throughout the region.

Meanwhile, preparations are underway for the 2008 cotton campaign. In Burkina Faso, the procurement of inputs seems to be ahead of last year's pace. Amid expectations for higher world prices, it is possible that area could increase back to 500,000 hectares, which is still below the five year average. Still, rising input costs for (which are paid for in Euros) and a weakening dollar (which is the currency in which exports are priced) has eroded much of the recent cotton price increases. Until price signals become clearer, it will be extremely difficult to estimate potential area throughout West Africa for 2008. Both Mali and Benin are in the midst of crucial privatization processes (albeit at very different stages) that will also have an impact on farmer incentives to plant cotton in 2008.

Burkina Faso							
	2005 USDA Official	Post Estimate New	2006 USDA Official	Post Estimate New	2007 USDA Official	Post Estimate New	UOM
Market Year Begin		08/2005		08/2006		08/2007	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0	(HECTARES)
Area Harvested	630	630	700	700	450	400	(HECTARES)
Beginning Stocks	397	397	360	360	306	306	1000 480 lb. Bales
Production	1367	1367	1300	1300	780	725	1000 480 lb. Bales
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000 480 lb. Bales
MY Imports from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000 480 lb. Bales
Total Supply	1764	1764	1660	1660	1086	1031	1000 480 lb. Bales
Exports	1400	1400	1350	1350	900	845	1000 480 lb. Bales
Use	4	4	4	4	4	4	1000 480 lb. Bales
Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000 480 lb. Bales
Total Dom. Cons.	4	4	4	4	4	4	1000 480 lb. Bales
Ending Stocks	360	360	306	306	182	182	1000 480 lb. Bales
Total Distribution	1764	1764	1660	1660	1086	1031	1000 480 lb. Bales
Stock to Use %	25.64	25.6	22.59	22.5	20.13	21.43	(PERCENT)
Yield	472	472	404	404	377	395	(KG/HA)

MALI

	2005 USDA Official	Post Estimate New	2006 USDA Official	Post Estimate New	2007 USDA Official	Post Estimate New	UOM
Market Year Begin		08/2005		08/2006		08/2007	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0	(HECTARES)
Area Harvested	521	521	460	460	300	300	(HECTARES)
Beginning Stocks	313	313	271	271	190	190	1000 480 lb. Bales
Production	1003	1003	792	792	500	466	1000 480 lb. Bales
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000 480 lb. Bales
MY Imports from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000 480 lb. Bales
Total Supply	1316	1316	1063	1063	690	656	1000 480 lb. Bales
Exports	1025	1025	850	850	550	516	1000 480 lb. Bales
Use	20	20	23	23	23	23	1000 480 lb. Bales
Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000 480 lb. Bales
Total Dom. Cons.	20	20	23	23	23	23	1000 480 lb. Bales
Ending Stocks	271	271	190	190	117	117	1000 480 lb. Bales
Total Distribution	1316	1316	1063	1063	690	656	1000 480 lb. Bales
Stock to Use %	25.93	25.93	21.76	21.76	20.41	21.70	(PERCENT)
Yield	419	419	375	375	363	338	(KG/HA)

Benin

	2005 USDA Official	Post Estimate New	2006 USDA Official	Post Estimate New	2007 USDA Official	Post Estimate New	UOM
Market Year Begin		08/2005		08/2006		08/2007	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0	(HECTARES)
Area Harvested	200	200	231	231	250	234	(HECTARES)
Beginning Stocks	301	301	183	183	148	148	1000 480 lb. Bales
Production	367	367	475	475	500	525	1000 480 lb. Bales
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000 480 lb. Bales
MY Imports from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000 480 lb. Bales
Total Supply	668	668	658	658	648	673	1000 480 lb. Bales
Exports	475	475	500	500	500	525	1000 480 lb. Bales
Use	10	10	10	10	10	10	1000 480 lb. Bales
Loss	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000 480 lb. Bales
Total Dom. Cons.	10	10	10	10	10	10	1000 480 lb. Bales
Ending Stocks	183	183	148	148	138	138	1000 480 lb. Bales
Total Distribution	668	668	658	658	648	673	1000 480 lb. Bales
Stock to Use %	37.73	37.73	29.01	29.01	27.05	25.79	(PERCENT)
Yield	400	400	448	448	435	488	(KG/HA)