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Cotton

Production Update

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Report Highlights:

Uzbekistan's MY 2000/01 production forecast has been reduced 50,000 metric tons to 1.0 million metric tons due to weather and irrigation problems. The MY 2000/01 export forecast has been reduced to 830,000 MT.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: NoUzbekistan
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Production

Uzbekistan's MY 1999/00 cotton production estimate has been reduced 30,000 MT to 1.02 MMT based on a consensus of knowledgeable observers. The lower production results mainly from lower yields due to last year's unfavorable weather.

The MY 2000/01 official state target for cotton area has been reduced from 1.5 million hectares (MHa) to 1.425 MHa. and targeted seed cotton production has been reduced from 4.0 MMT to 3.9 MMT. For MY 2000/01 an estimated 155,000 hectares of cotton crop were sown under plastic in an effort to increase yields. This represents a decline of almost 60 percent from MY 1999/00 and reportedly is due both to the lack of inputs and questionable benefits of this method.

Despite the optimistic state production target, observers generally agree that the MY 2000/01 crop is not off to a good start and is not likely to exceed MY 1999/2000 production. Weather through mid-July has been very hot and dry, which is expected to have a negative impact on yields. Temperatures of nearly 50 degrees Centigrade have been recorded in some cotton-growing areas. Winter and spring precipitation has been below normal and river and reservoir irrigation supplies are reported to be below normal. In addition, pest problems have beginning to be reported in some areas. As a result of these conditions, Uzbekistan's MY 2000/01 cotton lint production forecast has been reduced 50,000 MT to 1.0 MMT.

Table 1: Cotton Production, Supply and Demand

PSD Table						
Country	Uzbekistan, Republic of					
Commodity	Cotton				(HECTARES)(MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		08/1998		08/1999		08/2000
Area Planted	1500000	1500000	1500000	1500000	1425000	1425000
Area Harvested	1485000	1485000	1500000	1490000	1425000	1425000
Beginning Stocks	93000	93000	83000	83000	78000	73000
Production	1000000	1000000	1050000	1020000	1050000	1000000
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1093000	1093000	1133000	1103000	1128000	1073000
Exports	830000	830000	870000	850000	850000	830000
USE Dom. Consumption	180000	180000	185000	180000	190000	185000
Loss Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	180000	180000	185000	180000	190000	185000
Ending Stocks	83000	83000	78000	73000	88000	58000
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1093000	1093000	1133000	1103000	1128000	1073000

Trade

Due to production problems, Uzbekistan's MY2000/01 cotton export forecast has been reduced 20,000 MT to 830,000 MT.