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COTTON UPDATE

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Report Highlights:

Tajikistan MY 1999/2000 cotton harvest is forecast to decline to 95,000 metric tons (MT) due to the lack of inputs and weather-related problems. As a result, MY 1999/2000 exports are expected to decline to 80,000 MT.

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Production:

Tajikistan's MY 1999/2000 cotton production is forecast to decline to 95,000 metric tons due to a lack of inputs, poor incentives and weather problems. Sources report that Tajik farmers harvested only 315,000 MT of seed cotton in MY 1999/2000 or only about half of the planned target.

Tajikistan: Cotton Production, Supply and Demand

PSD Table						
Country	Tajikistan, Republi	c of				
Commodity	Cotton			(HECTARES)(MT)		
	Revised	1997	Preliminary	1998	Forecast	1999
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		08/1997		08/1998		08/1999
Area Planted	0	0	240213	240200	252960	288060
Area Harvested	214000	214000	240000	240000	252690	286000
Beginning Stocks	12410	12410	15676	15676	15976	15976
Production	102331	102331	115300	115300	120000	95000
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	114741	114741	130976	130976	135976	110976
Exports	80559	80559	92000	92000	96000	80000
USE Dom. Consumption	18506	18506	23000	23000	23000	18000
Loss Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	18506	18506	23000	23000	23000	18000
Ending Stocks	15676	15676	15976	15976	16976	12976
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	114741	114741	130976	130976	135976	110976

Trade:

Sources also report the state order for cotton (manadatory procurement) has been lifted. As a result, farmers now can sell their cotton directly to gins or to traders. Farmers also use cotton to repay investors (often cotton shippers) for inputs. Tajikistan's MY 1999/2000 export forecast has been reduce to 80,000 MT as a result of lower production.