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COTTON UPDATE

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Report Highlights:

Uzbekistan's MY 2000/01 production and export forecast have been reduced 30,000 MT to 970,000 MT and 800,000 MT, respectively due to continuing irrigation problems. The MY 1999/2000 production forecast remains unchanged at 1,020,000 MT.

Includes PSD changes: Yes

Includes Trade Matrix: No

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PRODUCTION

Uzbekistan's MY 2000/01 lint production forecast has been reduced 30,000 MT to 970,000 MMT due to continuing irrigation problems. August weather remained hot and dry and irrigation shortages continued in several major cotton-producing regions. Observers believe the continued hot and dry weather, combined with shortages of irrigation supplies, will have a negative impact on production, particularly in the Karakalpakstan Republic, and the Khorezm, Surkhandarya and Kashkadarya regions.

The situation is particularly severe in the southern cotton-growing regions. The Karakalpakstan Republic, traditionally one of the biggest cotton producers, has received only 10 percent of its normal irrigation supplies from the Amu Darya River. As a result, observers indicate Karakalpakstan will be able to fulfil only about a third of its State target of 300,000 MT of seed cotton.

The situation is generally better in other cotton-growing regions and particularly the Fergana Valley, where irrigation supplies are reported to be more or less normal. Harvest has begun in the Andijan region, where most of the crop was sown under plastic.

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	1440000
Area Harvested	1485000	1485000	1500000	1490000	1425000	1440000
Beginning Stocks	138256	138256	131289	131289	186809	117378
Production	1001542	1001542	1153951	1020000	1066860	970000
Imports	1089	1089	1089	1089	1089	1089
TOTAL SUPPLY	1140887	1140887	1286329	1152378	1254758	1088467
Exports	829974	829974	914452	850000	892679	800000
USE Dom. Consumption	179624	179624	185068	185000	190511	190000
Loss Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	179624	179624	185068	185000	190511	190000
Ending Stocks	131289	131289	186809	117378	171569	98467
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1140887	1140887	1286329	1152378	1254759	1088467

TRADE

Uzbekistan's MY2000/01 cotton exports forecast has been reduced 30,000 MT to 800,000 MT due to the hot, dry weather and the shortage of irrigation supplies in the southern cotton areas.