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Uzbekistan, Republic of
Cotton and Products
Cotton Update
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Report Highlights:

Uzbekistan's MY02/03 lint production is forecast at 980,000 metric tons and exports are forecast to decrease slightly from MY 2001/02 to 740,000 metric tons.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Production

Due to continuous heavy spring rainfall, which reportedly resulted in replanting as much as 50 percent of the total cotton area, the MY2002/03 cotton harvest began more than two weeks later than normal and is expected to be prolonged until late October or early November, especially if the weather deteriorates during the harvest. As of October 3, Uzbek farmers had harvested a total of 1.42 MMT of seed cotton, which is about 39 percent of the target and almost half the amount harvested by the same time last year. Although the cotton harvest is in full swing in all 12 cotton-producing regions, the tempo is a bit slower than expected. As of October 3, only one region, Andijan, has fulfilled its production target. Based on the lateness of the crop, MY 2002/03 lint production is forecast at 980,000 MT.

At the beginning of this year, the Government of Uzbekistan (GOU) declared its plans to reduce the state order for cotton to 30 percent for MY2002/03 crop. However, at the end of August, contrary to its early statements, the GOU adopted a decree to keep the state order for cotton at 50 percent. In reality, because of marketing controls, virtually all cotton is procured by the state.

Table 1: Cotton Production, Supply and Demand

Country	Uzbekistan, Republic of					
Commodity	Cotton		(HECTARES)(MT)			
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		08/2000		08/2001		08/2002
Area Planted	0	1440000	0	1400000	0	1388000
Area Harvested	1415000	1415000	1430000	1400000	1420000	1388000
Beginning Stocks	182455	182455	161771	161771	228177	166771
Production	957997	957997	1066860	1015000	1088633	980000
Imports	1089	1089	1089	0	1089	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1141541	1141541	1229720	1176771	1317899	1146771
Exports	740270	740270	740270	760000	805588	740000
USE Dom. Consumption	239499	239500	261272	250000	304817	240000
Loss Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	239499	239500	261272	250000	304817	240000
Ending Stocks	161771	161771	228177	166771	207493	166771
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1141540	1141541	1229719	1176771	1317898	1146771

Table 2. FY2002/03 Seed Cotton Procurement Prices by Grade/Class (Soms per MT)

Cotton grade	Cotton class	Cotton lint type								
		Long Staple Cotton					Medium Staple Cotton			
		Ia	Ib	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
I	1	247680	233110	218520	196740	174840	152930	145740	138430	123810
	2	241420	227240	212980	191700	170460	149080	142010	134940	120700
	3	193110	181760	170460	153370	136330	119300	113600	107940	96590
II	1	214140	201560	188880	170040	151170	132280	126000	119600	107030
	2	207870	195580	183370	165080	146670	128330	122260	116160	103870
	3	191010	179740	168520	151730	134890	118000	112400	106720	95510
III	1	198350	186640	175000	157490	140050	122560	116670	110800	99140
	2	176520	166110	155750	140130	124610	109050	103820	98630	88220
	3	124980	117560	110270	99220	88170	77140	73510	69830	62460
IV	1	147830	139160	130440	117420	104370	91350	86970	82630	73950
	2	114560	107800	101020	90960	80850	70740	67390	63990	57230
	3	87420	82320	77170	69520	61740	54020	51470	48910	43740
V	3	61270	57720	54070	48660	43320	37870	36120	34260	30720

The current official exchange rate of US dollar to Uzbek Sum: USD 1.00 = Sums 820.06

Exchange booth rate: USD 1.00 = Sums 1,050.00

The black market rate = USD 1.00 = Sums 1,100.00

Trade

Uzbekistan's MY 2002/03 lint exports forecast has been decreased as a result of the downward revision in the production forecast.