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## Cote d'Ivoire

### Cotton and Products

### Cotton Update

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**Report Highlights:**

Post has revised upwards its 2002/2003 production estimates due to less than anticipated losses. Production has also been large because of increased cultivation, good rains and increased fertilizer. Post's forecast for the 2003/2004 seed cotton production remains unchanged. The 2003/2004 marketing year is expected to start at the latter part of December 2003.

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Includes PSD Changes: Yes  
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes  
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## Executive Summary

Post has revised upwards its 2002/2003 production estimates. Despite harvest losses occasioned by armed conflict, insufficient farm labor and untimely rains during the harvesting period and informal exports to neighboring countries, production has remained large. The large production was due to increased cultivation, good rains during the crop development period and increased fertilizer application. Based on normal yields of about 1,400 kg/ha, seed cotton production might have reached 460,000 MT. All the four companies have almost completed ginning the 2002/2003 seed cotton as of December 12, 2003. Provisional figures indicated that the total seed cotton purchases were 399,000 MT, about the same level as that 2001/2002 of 396,239 MT.

Payments to farmers of the 2002/2003 crop purchases have been the major problem during the marketing period. Many farmers have not been paid for seed cotton delivered to the ginning companies. The cotton production zone is in the rebel-controlled northern area of Cote d'Ivoire. Banks shut down following the outbreak of hostilities and have remained closed during the entire marketing year. The general insecurity in this area makes carrying huge amounts of cash imprudent. In addition, the initial difficulties in transporting cotton fiber out of this area to the government controlled south for exports penalized the cotton companies and left them cash strapped. Two companies, SICOSA (the farmers' cooperative ginning company) and LCCI (La Compagnie Cotonniere Ivoirienne) have been greatly affected by the conflict, which has split the nation into two, and are facing farmers' protest of non-payment of seed cotton delivery.

Post has revised slightly upwards its 2003/2004 forecast for area planted in line with official estimates. However, it maintains its forecast for seed cotton production due to expected fall in yields resulting from reduced input use. The 2003/2004 marketing year is expected to start by the end of the year, but some gins may begin functioning as early as December 22, 2003. The tripartite Committee (farmers, government and cotton companies) has not yet announced a new producer price. Despite recent improvements in world market price, Post does not see much increase in the current producer price when one considers the adverse financial position of the cotton companies. The current producer price is 180 F CFA for first grade and 150 F CFA for the second grade cotton.

Exchange Rate: U.S. \$1 = 529 F CFA on December 19, 2003.

**PSD Table****Country****Commodity Cotton**

(HECTARES)(MT)

	2002 USDA Official [Old]	Revised Post Estimate [New] 08/2001	2003 USDA Official [Old]	Estimate Post Estimate [New] 08/2002	2004 USDA Official [Old]	Forecast Post Estimate [New] 08/2003
<b>Market Year Begin</b>						
Area Planted	0	284676	0	322000	0	260000
Area Harvested	300000	284676	225000	322000	0	260000
Beginning Stocks	67060	3643	84478	48997	59439	127172
Production	119750	170324	103420	171570	0	130000
Imports	0	1334	0	1805	0	1800
TOTAL SUPPLY	186810	175301	187898	222372	59439	258972
Exports	76204	109304	114306	83200	0	125000
USE Dom. Consumption	15241	17000	14152	12000	0	15000
Loss Dom. Consumption	10886	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	26127	17000	14152	12000	0	15000
Ending Stocks	84478	48997	59439	127172	0	118972
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	186809	175301	187897	222372	0	258972

# Export Trade Matrix

Country  
Commodity

Cotton

Time Period: 8/01-7/02  
 Exports for: 2002  
 U.S.   
 Others

Units:   
 2003  
 U.S.   
 Others

Brazil	6395	Brazil	2599
Italy	2508	China	2880
Thailand	9094	Thailand	9667
Indonesia	32542	Indonesia	22121
Pakistan	7602	Pakistan	5845
India	10005	India	13389
Portugal	2047	France	2075
Taiwan	22149	Taiwan	7751
Bangladesh	3675	Spain	1616
Vietnam	2925	Malaysia	6146
Total for Others	98942		74089
Others not Listed	10362		9111
Grand Total	109304		83200

NB: Trade Matrix is August to July. For example, Trade Matrix for 2002 is from August 2001 to July 2002.

# Import Trade Matrix

Country  
Commodity

Cotton

Time Period: 8/01-7/02  
 Imports for: 2002  
 U.S.  
 Others

Units: MT  
 2003  
 U.S.  
 Others

Mali	131	Mali	200
Burkina Faso	1200	Burkina Faso	1360
		Guinea	238
Total for Others	1331		1798
Others not Listed	3		7
Grand Total	1334		1805

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