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Report Highlights:

Uzbekistan's MY 04/05 official seed cotton production and planted area were set at 3.6 million metric tons (MMT) and 1.33 million hectares. Lint production is forecast at 1.04 MMT. Although the Uzbek textile industry is expanding, consumption is expected to remain unchanged. MY04/05 lint exports are forecast at 750,000 MT.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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PRODUCTION

Uzbekistan's MY 04/05 seed cotton production is estimated at 3.6 MMT and planted area at 1.33 million ha. For comparison, in MY 03/04 Uzbek farmers harvested 2.9 MMT of seed cotton from 1.35 million ha with lint production at 930,000 MT.

The cotton crop looks better compared to last year when many factors negatively affected the crop including a rainy spring, which required replanting of vast areas, an infestation in some regions, and water shortages. This year cotton planting was completed on time and without any major damage due to the weather. Although there are no major incidents of infestation this year, in some districts of the Tashkent region, which border Tajikistan, some cotton growing farms are complaining about bollworm disease. Thus far, there is no real danger of spreading bollworm widely in Uzbekistan because most Uzbek farmers are able to buy the necessary chemicals and spray the fields. However, there are some reports that the chemicals are of poor quality and may not be able to effectively control this problem.

One of the other reasons benefiting this year's crop is the warm weather during the last two months' vegetation period. Currently, the country is about 10 days from mass harvesting. Much will depend on weather conditions in September and October.

Based on current conditions, MY04/05 cotton lint production is forecast at 1.04 MMT.

PSD Table

Country Commodity	Uzbekistan, Republic of						UOM
	Cotton (HECTARES)(MT)						
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	
	USDA Official	Estimate [DA	Official	Estimate [DA	Official	Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin	08.2002		08.2003		08.2004		MM/YYYY
Area Planted	1388000	1388000	0	1359000	0	1330000	(HECTARE)
Area Harvested	1420000	1388000	1400000	1359000	1415000	1330000	(HECTARE)
Beginning Stocks	227089	166770	194430	166770	146530	126770	(MT)
Production	1001542	1000000	892679	930000	1001542	1040000	(MT)
Imports	0	0	1089	0	0	0	(MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	1228631	1166770	1088198	1096770	1148072	1166770	(MT)
Exports	762043	750000	658623	680000	674952	750000	(MT)
USE Dom. Consumption	272158	250000	283045	290000	288488	280000	(MT)
Loss Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0	(MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumpti	272158	250000	283045	290000	288488	280000	(MT)
Ending Stocks	194430	166770	146530	126770	184632	136770	(MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1228631	1166770	1088198	1096770	1148072	1166770	(MT)

TRADE

Despite several government decrees for liberalizing the cotton production and marketing structure, there have been no major changes especially in cotton trade. Centralized cotton exports are still conducted by trading companies under the control for the Agency of Foreign Economic Relations, and only a small volume of cotton (about 30,000 MT) is marketed through a commodity exchange. Based on estimated cotton lint production, MY 04/05 lint exports are forecast at 750,000 MT.