

# AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY & DEMAND ESTIMATES



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## Cotton Export Estimate Raised

U.S. cotton exports for 1979/80 are now projected at 8 million bales, 0.5 million above month-earlier indications. The upward revision reflects continuing exceptionally strong foreign demand for U.S. cotton, particularly by some Far Eastern and European countries, lagging export sales by the Soviet Union, and an improved transportation outlook. U.S. shipments of 8 million bales would be nearly 2 million above the 1978/79 level and the largest since 1932/33. The 1979/80 commitment--exports plus outstanding sales--now totals 8.9 million bales and may reach about 9 1/2 million by the end of the season. However, about 15 percent of this cotton may not be delivered until early next season, matching the average of recent years. This large export volume, coupled with stable U.S. mill demand, point to 1979/80 disappearance of 14.4 million bales, only slightly below the 1979 crop. Thus, ending stocks may total around 4 1/2 million bales, 0.5 million above the beginning level.

GRAIN FORECASTS ARE UNCHANGED FROM THE JANUARY 28 REPORT, WHILE SOYBEAN AND PRODUCT FORECASTS REMAIN AS SHOWN IN THE JANUARY 16 REPORT.

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COTTON: UPLAND AND EXTRA LONG STAPLE 1/

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Commodity      : 1977/78 : 1978/79 : 1979/80
                :          : Prelim. : Proj.:Prob.variab.2/
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                :          : DOMESTIC MEASURE
Area           :          : Million acres
  Planted      : 13.7    : 13.4    : 14.0
  Harvested    : 13.3    : 12.4    : 13.0
Yield per harv. :          : Pounds
  acre         : 520     : 421     : 551
                :          : Million 480-lb. bales
Beginning stocks3/ : 2.9    : 5.3     : 4.0
Production     : 14.4    : 10.9    : 14.9 +0.1 to -0.1
  Supply, total4/ : 17.3    : 16.2    : 18.8 +.1 to -.1
Mill use       : 6.5     : 6.4     : 6.4 +.2 to -.2
Exports        : 5.5     : 6.2     : 8.0 +.5 to -.5
  Use, total    : 12.0    : 12.5    : 14.4 +.5 to -.5
Dif. unactd. 5/ :          : 6/      : .3    .1
Ending stocks  : 5.3 3/  : 4.0 3/  : 4.5   +.5 to -.5
Avg. farm price 7/ : 52.3    : 58.4    : 61.5 8/

                :          : METRIC MEASURE
Area           :          : Million hectares
  Planted      : 5.54    : 5.41    : 5.69
  Harvested    : 5.37    : 5.01    : 5.25
Yield per harv. :          : Metric tons
  hectare     : .58     : .47     : .62
                :          : Million metric tons
Beginning stocks3/ : .64    : 1.16    : .87
Production     : 3.13    : 2.36    : 3.24 +.02 to -.02
  Supply, total 4/ : 3.77    : 3.53    : 4.09 +.02 to -.02
Mill use       : 1.42    : 1.39    : 1.39 +.04 to -.04
Exports        : 1.19    : 1.35    : 1.74 +.11 to -.11
  Use, total    : 2.61    : 2.72    : 3.14 +.11 to -.11
Dif. unactd. 5/ :          : 9/      : .07   .02
Ending stocks  : 1.16 3/ : .87 3/  : .98   +.11 to -.11
Avg. farm price 7/ : 1.15    : 1.29    : 1.36 8/
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1/ Marketing year beginning Aug. 1. 2/ The "probable variability" reflects the "root mean square error" and/or "standard errors of estimate" and judgement. Chances are about 2 out of 3 that the outcome will fall within the indicated ranges. 3/ Based on Bureau of Census data. 4/ Includes imports. 5/ Difference between ending stocks based on Bureau of Census data and preceding season's supply less distribution. 6/ Less than 0.05. 7/ Season average farm price, domestic measure, cents per pound; metric measure, dollars per kilogram. 8/ August-December weighted average. 9/ Less than 0.005. Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.