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Chinese Cotton Imports Projected to Rise in 2007/08

Chinese imports are projected up by 1 million tons to 3.9 million tons in 2007/08, which could drive international cotton trade up 9% to 9.1 million tons. Imports by Turkey are projected stable whereas imports by Bangladesh and Indonesia are expected to rise slightly. However, imports by most other countries are expected to decline. Exports are expected to rebound in the United States and in Brazil, but are forecast stable or declining in most other large exporting countries.

World cotton production is forecast down slightly in 2007/08 to 25.1 million tons, whereas world cotton consumption is projected to increase by 2% to 26.7 million tons. Together, China (Mainland), India and Pakistan are expected to account for more than two thirds of world cotton mill use in 2007/08. Consumption in the rest of the world is forecast down by 1% to 8.9 million tons in 2007/08.

World cotton ending stocks are forecast down by 4% to 11.4 million tons in 2006/07 and down by 11% to 10.2 million tons in 2007/08.

WORLD COTTON SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
	Million Tons			Million Bales		
Production	24.67	25.3	25.1	113.3	116	115
Consumption	25.08	26.1	26.7	115.2	120	123
Exports	9.80	8.3	9.1	45.0	38	42
Ending Stocks	11.85	11.4	10.2	54.4	52	47
Stocks Adjustment	0.29	0.3	0.3	1.3	1	1
Cotlook A Index*	56.15	58**	62***	56.15	58**	62***

* Season-average Cotlook A Index (U.S. cents per pound).

** **Not a projection.** Average for the first nine months of 2006/07 (August 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007).

*** The projection for 2007/08 represents the Secretariat's judgment based on projections for net China (Mainland) trade and the world-less-China (Mainland) ending stocks-to-use ratio.

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The International Cotton Advisory Committee is an association of 43 governments of cotton producing and consuming countries. The Secretariat of the Committee publishes information related to world cotton production, supply, demand and prices, and provides technical information on cotton production technology. Detailed statistics are found bimonthly in COTTON: Review of the World Situation, \$170 per year. A monthly outlook by fax is also available for \$315 per year or on the Internet for \$265 per year. Access to the weekly estimates of world cotton supply and use by the Secretariat is also available on the Internet for \$420 per year.