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Report Highlights:

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Cotton Production Sliding Down

Cotton crop prospects continue to erode and Pakistan's 2015/16 production is estimated 500,000 bales lower at 7.5 million 480 lb bales, the lowest level since 1999. Pakistan's Cotton Crop Assessment Committee (CCAC) in its meeting on December 14, estimated the crop at 9.85 million 170 kg bales (7.7 million 480 lbs. bales), but subsequent reports of slowing arrivals appear to point to an even lower crop.

To offset the reduction in production, imports are expected to rise to 2.7 million 480 lb bales, the second highest level ever. Combined imports and purchases of cotton have reached an estimated 900,000 480 lb bales through the third week of December. Importers indicate that they will reassess the supply situation in January and evaluate their additional import requirements, but imports are currently arriving at a pace of around 100,000 480 lb bales per week. With an estimated 300,000 bales of long staple cotton likely to come from the United States and other suppliers, Pakistan will have to find an additional 1.3 to 1.5 million 480 lb bales of medium staple cotton beyond December 31 in order to meet the current consumption estimate. The assumption is that much of that cotton will come from India with smaller volumes from West Africa. If prices rise too high and/or supplies are not available, consumption or stocks will fall well below current forecasts.

Production, Supply and Demand Data Statistics:

Cotton Market Begin Year	2013/2014		2014/2015		2015/2016	
	Aug 2013		Aug 2014		Aug 2015	
Pakistan	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Harvested	2900	2900	2950	2950	2800	2850
Beginning Stocks	2710	2710	2475	2475	2835	2850
Production	9500	9500	10600	10600	8000	7500
Imports	1200	1200	850	850	2000	2700
MY Imports from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	13410	13410	13925	13925	12835	13050
Exports	510	510	450	450	400	300
Use	10400	10400	10600	10600	10100	10325
Loss	25	25	25	25	25	25
Total Dom. Cons.	10425	10425	10625	10625	10125	10350
Ending Stocks	2475	2475	2850	2850	2310	2400
Total Distribution	13410	13410	13925	13925	12835	13050

(1000 HA) ,1000 480 lb. Bales

