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# Cotton Statistics And News

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## **CAB Ups its Estimate of Both Area and Production in 2009-10**

The Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) met in Mumbai on July 30, 2010, with the Textile Commissioner, Shri A.B. Joshi in the Chair. It was well attended with representatives of all the segments of the cotton industry participating and leading to lively discussion.

The Board has revised its previous estimate of both area and production of cotton during 2009-10 made in April 2010. The current estimate has placed the area at 103.29 lakh hectares (vs 101.71 lakh hectares) and production at 295 lakh bales (vs 292 lakh bales). It has also raised its estimate of exports from the previous 80 lakh bales to 83 lakh bales now, while the estimate of imports has been retained at 7 lakh bales.

The State-wise details of the estimates of area and production are given in the accompanying table.

Area in lakh hectares, Production in lakh bales				
	2008-09		2009-10	
State	Area	Production	Area	Production
Punjab	5.27	17.50	5.36	14.25
Haryana	4.56	14.00	5.07	14.75
Rajasthan	3.02	7.50	4.44	11.00
<b>North Zone</b>	<b>12.85</b>	<b>39.00</b>	<b>14.87</b>	<b>40.00</b>
Gujarat	23.54	90.00	26.25	98.00
Maharashtra	31.42	62.00	35.03	63.00
M. P.	6.25	18.00	6.04	15.00
<b>Central Zone</b>	<b>61.21</b>	<b>170.00</b>	<b>67.32</b>	<b>176.00</b>
A. P.	13.99	53.00	14.83	52.00
Karnataka	4.08	9.00	4.27	9.00
Tamil Nadu	1.09	5.00	1.14	5.00
<b>South Zone</b>	<b>19.16</b>	<b>67.00</b>	<b>20.24</b>	<b>66.00</b>
Others	0.84	2.00	0.86	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>94.06</b>	<b>278.00</b>	<b>103.29</b>	<b>283.00</b>
Loose Cotton	-	12.00	-	12.00
<b>All India</b>		<b>290.00</b>		<b>295.00</b>

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The increase made in production is mostly in the case of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, while the production estimate has been marginally lowered in the case of Karnataka. As may be expected, there was considerable discussion on the national level of production with the representatives of different segments indicating

their own estimates which ranged from 223.2 lakh bales to 307 lakh bales. The CAB finally settled on the present estimate of 295 lakh bales. In the case of area, the increase has been mostly in the case of Andhra Pradesh whose area estimate has been raised from the previous 13.19 lakh hectares to 14.83 lakh hectares now. The CAB is expected to meet again in the near future to update the estimates.

As for foreign trade, the CAB has retained the estimate at the previous figure of 7 lakh bales while exports have been estimated to go up from the previous 80 lakh bales to 83 lakh bales now. This has been done on the basis of the latest situation on the export front. The estimates of mill consumption and consumption by small scale units have been retained at 207 lakh bales and 23 lakh bales respectively. The Cotton Balance Sheet as now revised by the CAB is given in the accompanying table.

(in lakh bales)		
	2008-09	2009-10
<b>Supply</b>		
Opening Stock	35.50	71.50
Production	290.00	295.00
<b>Imports</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>
Total Supply	335.50	373.50
<b>Demand</b>		
Mill Consumption	190.00	207.00
SSI Consumption	20.00	23.00
Non-Mill Consumption	19.00	20.00
<b>Exports</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>83.00</b>
Total Offtake	264.00	333.00
<b>Carry over stock</b>	<b>71.50</b>	<b>40.50</b>

The estimated closing stock, same as the one given last time, is 31 lakh bales lower than the opening stock.

(Source : Cotton Advisory Board)

## Cotton Plantings Make Further Progress

The receipt of widespread rains has enabled farmers to continue with the planting of major kharif crops including cotton. As per information available from the Directorate of Cotton Development, Cotton Outlook has published State-wise area sown to cotton by the middle of July which is reproduced below:

(In lakh hectares)				
<b>Cotton Area sown upto July 15</b>				
	2010-11		2009-10	
State	Bt. Cotton	Non-Bt. Cotton	Total	
Punjab	5.49	0.10	5.59	5.36
Haryana	4.13	0.31	4.44	5.07
Rajasthan	1.60	0.65	2.25	4.00
Gujarat	13.86	2.44	16.30	15.84
Maharashtra	30.77	3.42	34.19	22.19
M.P.	4.81	0.53	5.34	5.23
A.P.	11.85	0.01	11.86	8.12
Karnataka	1.63	0.41	2.04	2.28
Tamil Nadu	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.09
Other States	-	0.70	0.70	0.57
All-India	74.17	8.61	82.78	68.75

The total area sown to cotton by the middle of July has reached 82.8 lakh hectares, an increase of nearly 23 per cent compared to last year's sowings of 68.75 lakh hectares by the same period. The greatest jump in area has been in Maharashtra where the planted area of 34.2 lakh hectares is more than 54 per cent of last year. It may be recalled in this context that last year, cotton sowings were handicapped in the State in the initial stages for want of adequate rains. This year, however, good rains in June-July have helped cotton plantings. Farmers had also been enthusiastic to sow cotton since they have been able to realise good prices this year for kapas. The total area at the national level upto July middle is about 81 per cent of the total cotton area of 101.75 lakh hectares under the crop last year. The expectation is that the final area planted this year may exceed last year's level by a few lakh hectares. Of the total area sown so far, about 89.6 per cent is under Bt cotton.

In a subsequent report in the press, the total sown area has been placed at 95 lakh hectares by the third week of July. State-wise details, are, however, not available.

(Source : Cotton Outlook, 23.07.2010 and Business Line, 24.07.2010)

### Data on Area, Production, Yield and Consumption of Cotton for the period from 1991-92 season onwards

Cotton Year	Area in Lakh Hectares	Cotton prodn. In lakh bales of 170 kgs each	Production in 000's tones (mn.kg.)	Cotton yield in kg/Hectare	Cotton Consumption in lakh bales of 170 kg. each (mill + non-Mill +small spinning)
1991-1992	76.01	119.00	2023.00	266.14	111.09
1992-1993	75.41	138.00	2346.00	311.00	125.01
1993-1994	74.40	121.50	2065.00	278.00	127.00
1994-1995	78.61	138.50	2354.50	300.00	135.00
1995-1996	90.63	170.70	2901.90	320.00	154.29
1996-1997	91.66	177.90	3004.30	330.00	170.16
1997-1998	88.29	158.00	2686.00	307.00	159.01
1998-1999	92.87	165.00	2805.00	302.00	165.36
1999-2000	87.31	156.00	2652.00	304.00	173.36
2000-2001	85.76	140.00	2380.00	277.52	173.03
2001-2002	87.30	158.00	2686.00	307.67	171.76
2002-2003	76.67	136.00	2312.00	301.55	168.83
2003-2004	76.30	179.00	3043.00	398.82	177.10
2004-2005	87.86	243.00	4131.00	470.11	195.03
2005-2006	86.77	241.00	4097.00	472.17	217.00
2006-2007	91.44	280.00	4760.00	520.56	232.03
2007-08	94.14	307.00	5219.00	554.39	236.88
2008-09 (as per CAB 30.07.2010)	94.06	290.00	4930.00	524.13	229.00
2009-10 (as per CAB 30.07.2010)	103.29	295.00	5015.00	485.53	250.00

Source: Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai

