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China (Mainland), India and Pakistan:

Half of World Cotton Production and Two-Thirds of World Cotton Consumption

World cotton production is projected at 25 million tons in 2006/07. China (Mainland), India and Pakistan combined are expected to produce 13 million tons in 2006/07, or over half of world production for the first time in history. World cotton consumption is expected to continue to increase in 2006/07, but at a slower rate than in the last two seasons, to 25.6 million tons. China (Mainland), India and Pakistan combined may consume 16.6 million tons of cotton in 2006/07, or 65% of projected world consumption, up from 50% in 2000/01. Cotton consumption in the rest of the world is projected to remain stable at 9 million tons. World cotton imports are projected at 9.2 million tons in 2006/07, slightly down from the record reached last season. World cotton ending stocks are projected at 11.6 million tons in 2006/07, down for the second consecutive season.

WORLD COTTON SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
	Million Tons			Million Bales		
Production	24.66	25.0	25.7	113.3	115	118
Consumption	24.79	25.6	26.2	113.9	118	120
Exports	9.74	9.2	9.2	44.7	42	42
Ending Stocks	11.91	11.6	11.5	54.7	53	53
Stocks Adjustment	0.28	0.3	0.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
Cotlook A Index*	56.15			56.15		

* US cents per pound.

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The International Cotton Advisory Committee is an association of 41 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.