

**ICAC RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
PROGRAMME-COUNTRY REPORT
(ZAMBIA)**

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INTRODUCTION

- COTTON IS A CASH CROP FOR MORE THAN 200,000 SMALLHOLDER FARMERS
- AVERAGE FIELD SIZE IS 1 HA
- AVERAGE YIELDS 700KG/HA
- ABOUT NINE GINNING COMPANIES OPERATE IN THE COUNTRY

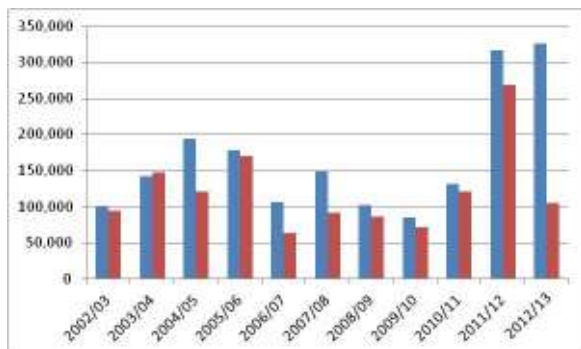
**RECENT CHANGES IN ZAMBIA'S
COTTON SECTOR**

- GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO FARMERS THROUGH FISP
- COTTON LEVIES TO FUND COTTON DEVELOPMENT
- GINNERS DIVERSIFYING BUSINESS OPERATIONS
- GINNERS PUSHING OWN VARIETIES
- GINNERS INCREASING SUPPORT TO FARMERS

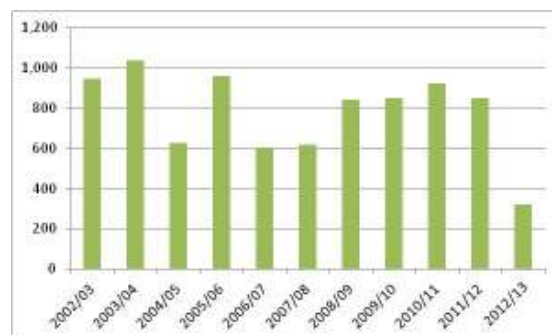
CHALLENGES

- FLUACTUATIONS IN PRODUCTION/ PRODUCTIVITY
- INSECT PEST PROBLEM
- EXTREME WEATHER
- PRICE VOLATILITY

COTTON PLANTING AND PRODUCTION TRENDS



SEEDCOTTON PRODUCTIVITY TRENDS



INTERVENTIONS TO STABILIZE COTTON YIELDS

- EARLY MATURING COTTON VARIETIES
- BETTER FLOWERING SYNCHRONIZATION
- DROUGHT TOLERANCE
- INCORPORATING TRANSPLANTING IN MINIMUM TILLAGE

CONCLUSION

- COTTON REMAINS A FAVOURITE CROP FOR RESOURCE POOR FARMERS
- THERE IS NEED FOR TRAINING ON COTTON PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY
- VALUE ADDITION WOULD ASSIST IN PRICING AND INCOMES

THE END!!!!

THANKS FOR ATTENTION