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Chain for a Sustainable Future**

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Uniting the Cotton and Textiles Value Chain for a Sustainable Future

- The Arab Republic of Egypt is pleased to present this report to the 83rd Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee " ICAC", held under the main theme " Uniting the Cotton and Textiles Value Chain for a Sustainable Future ". This theme appears in Egypt's vision which realizes that the future of cotton and textiles depends on an integrated approach that connects farmers , the manufacturers and consumers in a single cycle of efficiency and sustainability .
- In ancient Egypt, the textile industry has been an integral part of daily life in Egypt, where this industry was associated with the goddess "Nit", known as a symbol of protection and creativity in spinning and weaving industry. "Nit" became a global trade mark for Egyptian textile products.
- Today, in light of global trends toward sustainability, Egyptian textile sector is regaining its position as a main pillar for industrial development depending mainly on Egyptian cotton to enhance added value and increase global competitiveness. In this context, the government is keen on developing this industry through integrated plans for modernization and expansion to ensure keeping up with international standards and maximizing exports in order to be a major regional hub for the textile industry in the Middle East.
- In this context, Egypt launched the "National Project for Developing the Spinning and Weaving Industry", a massive investment that aimed at restoring Egypt's position as a global hub for high quality textiles manufacturing. This project is based on the principle of integrating cotton value chain through linking manufacturing stages starting from receiving cotton from farmers till obtaining yarns, textiles and apparels using the most updated global technology. The main core of this project depends on the modern industrial infrastructure, most notably "Spinning mill I" in El Mahala El Kobra, considered the largest of its kind worldwide.

This factory, among others that have been modernized and equipped with the latest machines from Switzerland, Italy and Germany, represents a qualitative leap in production capacity and operational efficiency. Instead of exporting raw cotton, Egypt aims to increase the added value and transform high quality Egyptian cotton into featured finished products with the label "Made in Egypt" in order to compete globally.

- The Egyptian government is encouraging the private sector to increase investments in new industrial and free zones through providing land, infrastructure, energy and water in addition to a skilled and trained work force. The government also provides significant incentives, most notably "the Golden License" which facilitates establishing and operating new projects for investors through one procedure only. This saves time and effort and encourages global partnerships to enter the Egyptian market.

Egypt has successfully attracted major foreign investments in the spinning and weaving sector including:

- Chinese investments such as the project "Jiangsu Linfa Textile" worth \$500 million, and "Lotay textile project in Egypt" worth \$385 million.
- Increasing Turkish investments, with several companies establishing new factories and expanding the existing ones. These investments are taking advantage of the strategic geographic location of Egypt and its trade agreements.
- Other investments come from countries such as Italy, Syria and Pakistan, which reflect the international investors' confidence in the future of this sector in Egypt.

All these efforts are the main pillars of the country's strategy to enhance spinning and weaving sector, making it a key driver of sustainable industrial and economic development.

Increased Domestic Consumption:

In 2024/2025, mills consumption reached about 725,000 bales (approximately 158,000 metric tons), which is the highest level since 15 years. It is expected to rise in 2025/2026 to

reach 750,000 bales approximately 163,000 metric tons, an increase by 3.4 % compared to the previous season.

The following table illustrates Egyptian cotton consumption over the last five years:

Season	Consumption(000 metric tons)	Consumption(000Bales)
21/22	120	550
22/23	130	600
23/24	141	650
24/25	158	725
Estimates 25/26	163	750

Egyptian Textile Exports:

Egyptian textile exports recorded US \$ 1.167 billion in 2025, meanwhile, apparel exports raised significantly by 22% to reach US \$ 3.4 billion in the same year, and are expected to reach US \$ 4.4 billion in 2026.

Sustainability and Innovation: The main Pillars of Egyptian Cotton Green Future.

The second part of the conference theme, "Sustainable Development", represents a cornerstone of the Egyptian strategy. Egypt realizes that maintaining its cotton quality requires preserving the environment and natural resources, specially in light of the increasing challenges of climate change and water scarcity.

A- Sustainability in Agriculture:

Egypt is working to enhance sustainable agricultural practices in cooperation with many global partners specially "Better Cotton Initiative", which is an obvious evidence of this commitment , as it aims to expand the application of these eco-friendly agricultural

practices, including water conservation, reducing chemical pesticides and enhancing soil health. These practices not only ensure crop sustainability, but also contribute to improving farmers' livelihoods by maximizing yields and minimizing costs.

B- Innovation in the Face of Climate Change:

Egypt is among the leading countries that already taking procedures to confront climate change in the agricultural sector. In light of this, agricultural research centers in Egypt have developed new cotton varieties, like super Giza 97 and Giza 98 which are characterized by their ability to adapt to harsh climatic conditions and high temperatures while maintaining the high fiber quality. On the other hand, unprecedented accomplishments have been achieved in horizontal expansion of cotton cultivation in new deserts, like South Sinai, by depending on modern irrigation techniques. These accomplishments will open new horizons to increase production without adversely affecting traditional water resources.

***Traceability and Transparency:**

For ensuring Egyptian cotton authenticity and preserving its brand globally, Egypt has invested in the advanced technology of traceability by utilizing digital tracking systems supported by national official authorities to guarantee full transparency for consumers and global partners and strengthen the credibility of sustainable supply chains.

***Future Prospects: Egypt is a Global Partner in Shaping the Future of Cotton**

Egypt's participation in the 83rd Plenary Meeting is not limited to presenting its achievements, but also reflects its ongoing commitment to global cooperation and exchange of expertise. Egypt is looking forward to hosting the ICAC 84th Plenary Meeting in 2027, which will be a vital platform for reinforcing the global dialogue about sustainable cotton future.

The Egyptian strategy, which combines the modernization of industry with the commitment to sustainable agriculture, presents a practical model to verify the main theme of the meeting "Uniting the Cotton and Textiles Value Chain for a Sustainable Future". Through investment in technology and environmental protection, Egypt is laying the foundation for a new era of prosperity for the cotton and textile sector, emphasizing that Egyptian "white gold" will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the global and regional textile industry.

First: Planted Area Season 2024/2025:

It is worth mentioning that (10) commercial varieties were cultivated, under the categories of Extra Giza, Super Giza and Giza, including:

- ✚ Extra Giza cotton varieties planted in the Delta region including Extra Giza 45, Extra Giza 96, Extra Giza 92, Extra Giza 87 and Extra Giza 93.
- ✚ Super Giza Cotton varieties planted in the Delta region including Super Giza 94, Super Giza 86 and Super Giza 97.
- ✚ Giza Cotton varieties planted in Upper Egypt including Giza 95 and Giza 98.

In 2024/2025, Cotton planted area reached about 131,420 hectares, compared to 107,069 hectares season 2023/2024, an increase by 24,351 hectares, about 22.74%.

The Cotton variety Super Giza 94 ranked first, as it was cultivated on about 80,910 hectares which represents 61.57% of total planted area. This increase is attributed to producers' preference for it as it is highly demanded from Domestic spinning mills, in addition to the high worldwide demand. Giza 95 came in the second rank which is planted on 16,865 hectares representing 12.83% from the total cultivated area. (See Table 1)

**Total cotton planted area (000hectares)
From season 2015/2016 to 2024/2025**



Second: Production and Yield:

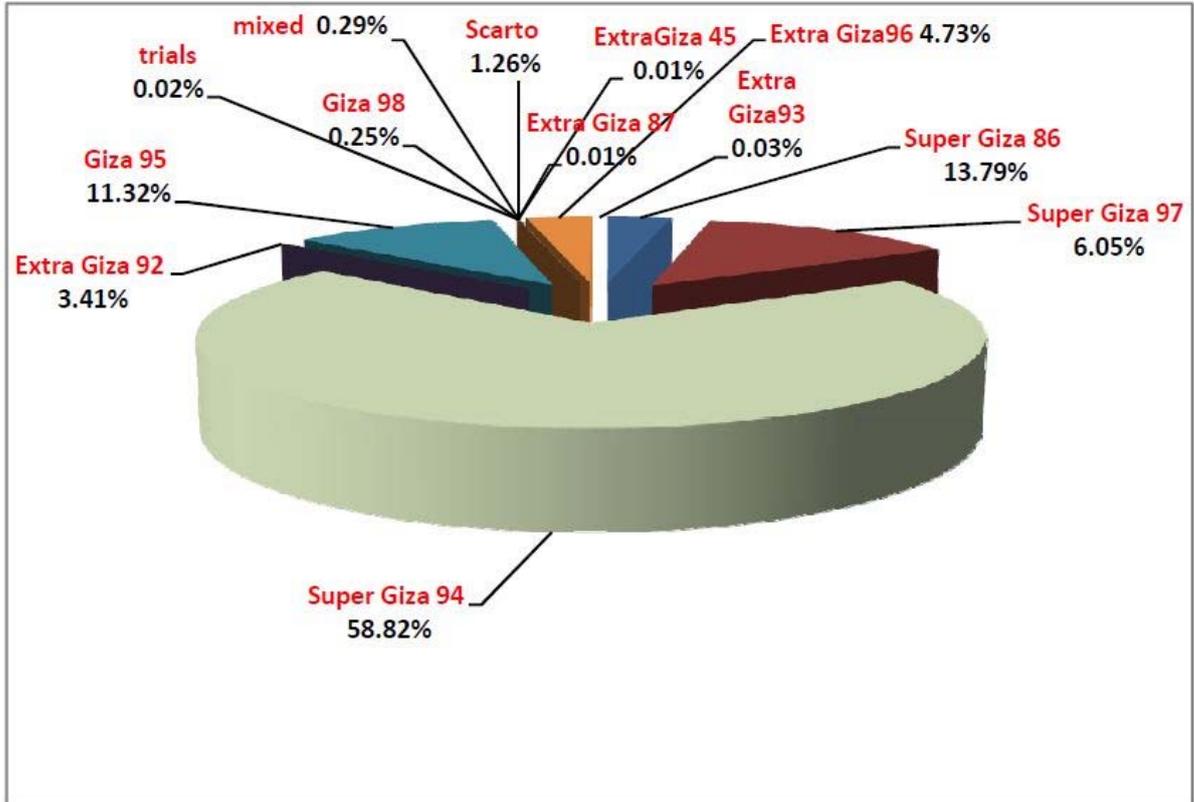
In season 2024/2025, lint cotton production reached about 91,180 tons, compared to 69,316 tons season 2023/2024, an increase by 21,864 tons representing 31,54%.

Yield reached 693.80 kg/hectare in 2024/2025 compared to 647.39 kg/hectare in 2023/2024.

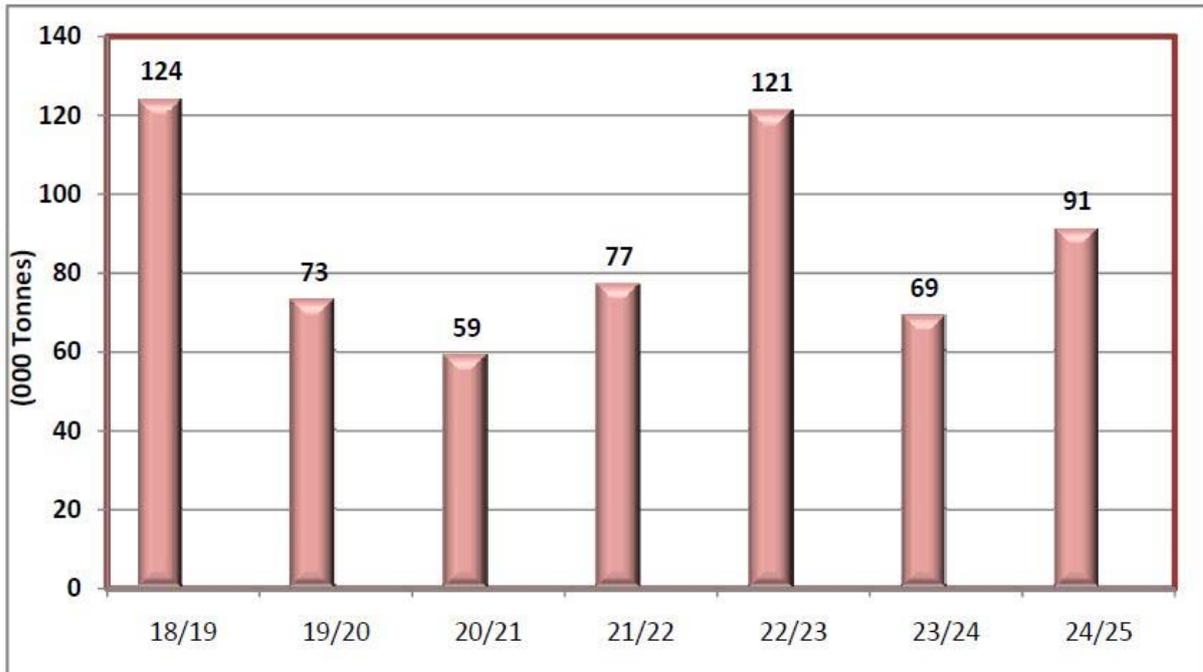
In 2024/2025, the cotton variety Super Giza 94 was ranked the first with a production reached 53,634 tons, which represents 58.82% of total production, followed by Super Giza 86 with production reached 12,577 tons, reached 13.79% of total production. (See Table 2)

Season	Production(Ton)	Area(ha)	Yield (Kg/ha)
Season 2023/2024	69,316	107,069	647.39
Season 2024/2025	91,180	131,420	693.80

Percentage of each variety season 2024/2025



Lint cotton production (000tons) from 2018/2019 to 2024/2025



Total cotton planted area by variety (hectares)
from season 2015/2016 to 2024/2025

	season	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20 /21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
	variety										
Egyptian Cotton Varieties	Extra Giza 45	42		24	27	64	30	11	15	30	17
	Extra Giza 87	2,527	2,362	1,293	3	14	27	13	1	11	20
	Extra Giza 93	64			11	13	163	68	32	28	57
	Extra Giza 96			2,255	3,819	1,300	710	1,742	2,994	4,715	5,287
	Extra Giza 92		240	2,110	3,672	2,885	2,923	3,328	4,507	3,581	3,892
	Extra Giza 88	216	435	350							
	Super Giza 86	90,098	35,678	28,555	37,041	18,082	10,603	11,673	19,339	12,574	15,530
	Super Giza 97							692	4,015	1,758	8,372
	Super Giza 94		7,592	46,357	82,515	64,525	56,532	75,622	99,826	73,171	80,910
	Giza 98								2	36	314
	Giza 95		2,296	6,449	11,798	12,066	5,736	6,519	11,028	11,073	16,865
	Giza 90	8,754	6,142	3,553	2,253	1,404					
	Others	2,824	520	32	26	47	146	104	76	92	156
	Grand total	104,525	55,265	90,978	141,165	100,400	76,870	99,772	141,835	107,069	131,420

Lint cotton Production by variety

From season 2018/2019 to 2024/2025 (tonnes)

	Season	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
	Variety							
Egyptian Cotton Varieties	Extra Giza 45	9	27	8	10	8	15	9
	Extra Giza 87	1	13	20	3	1	5	9
	Extra Giza 93	11	9	98	104	17	14	29
	Extra Giza 96	3,174	1,151	606	1,323	3,258	4,396	4,315
	Extra Giza 92	3,228	2,086	2,143	2,351	3,505	2,379	3,107
	Extra Giza 88	2						
	Super Giza 86	32,531	12,535	5,947	8,835	12,629	6,514	12,577
	Super Giza 97			40	616	3,307	1,163	5,515
	Super Giza 94	70,601	46,455	45,577	56,498	85,567	44,822	53,634
	Giza 95	10,588	8,428	3,568	5,965	10,574	8,904	10,326
	Giza 98						32	232
	Giza 90	1,905	547					
	Trials	30	17	12	13	20	12	17
	Mixed	623	367	182	306	303	175	262
	Scarto	1,728	1,122	947	1,090	1,370	885	1,148
Grand Total		124,431	72,757	59,148	77,114	120,558	69,316	91,180

Note: In 2024/2025, the largest quantity of lint cotton was for super Giza 94 at 58.82% followed by Super Giza 86 at 13.79% and then Giza 95 at 11.32% of total production