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Trading remained slow on spot cotton markets, according to the Cotton Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA. Spot prices averaged slightly higher. Grower supplies and offerings were ample to meet the limited demand. Domestic mill buying was light. Export trading remained slow but was fairly steady. Through the end of January, growers in the U.S. had booked about 77,100 acres of 1985-crop cotton. Harvesting was passed 95 percent completed in the late producing areas of the Cotton Belt. The interest rate for CCC loans disbursed in February will be 9.125 percent.

Spot cotton prices for grade 41 staple 34, mike 35-49, in the designated markets averaged 58.99 cents per pound during the week ended Thursday, February 7. Prices ranged from a low of 58.60 cents on Monday to a high of 59.36 cents on Wednesday and ended the week at 59.00 cents. A week earlier, prices averaged 58.83 cents per pound and ranged from 58.50 to 59.14 cents. In the corresponding week a year ago, the average price was 71.54 cents. The New York March 1985 futures settlement price ended the week on Thursday at 64.92 cents per pound compared with 64.43 cents a week earlier. The December settlement price was 67.35 cents against 67.40 cents last Thursday.

Trading remained slow on spot cotton markets. Growers holding uncommitted supplies offered in sufficient volume to easily meet the limited demand. Many growers were unwilling to sell at prices offered. Some growers showed more interest in using the CCC loan program. Domestic mill buying was light and included a small volume for both prompt and forward delivery. Export trading remained slow but fairly steady. Purchases included both 1984 and 1985-crop cotton. Far Eastern mills were the major buyers, followed by European and African mills. Purchases reported by cotton exchanges in the designated markets totaled 211,400 bales in the week ended Thursday, February 7. This compares with 178,700 bales reported a week earlier and 218,500 bales in the corresponding week last season.

Textile mill report. Mill buying maintained the slow pace of recent weeks. Some mills fixed prices on recent market lows. Purchases included a small quantity for fill-ins and a limited volume for deferred shipment. Qualities and areas of growth varied widely. Most mills were keeping stocks at low levels and were asking for delivery of cotton purchased earlier, as needed. With demand unsettled for finished goods, many mills reduced work schedules to avoid overproduction. Sales of most yarns and a number of popular apparel items continued slow. Selected industrials and some products for the automotive market traded at a moderate rate. Heavy imports of textile products continued to distress the industry and was credited with the declining domestic business. Mill work schedules were mostly five days or less.

Contracting 1985 crop. United States upland growers had forward contracted about 77,100 acres of the 1985 crop by January 31. This compares with 935,000 acres booked at the end of January 1984. In southeastern states, Georgia growers had contracted about 1,000 acres. South central states' growers had booked 30,800 acres; 2,000 in Arkansas, 2,300 in Louisiana, 25,500 in Mississippi and 1,000 in Tennessee. In southwestern states, Texas growers had contracted around 34,600 acres. Growers in western states had booked 10,700 acres; 6,400 in Arizona and 4,300 in California. These estimates were based on informal surveys made by the Cotton Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

All cotton: Acreage, abandonment, yield and ginnings, United States, crops of 1925 to 1984

Year beginning August 1	Acreage		Abandoned	Yield per acre		Ginnings	Production
	Planted ^{1/}	Harvested		Planted	Harvested	Running	Equiv. 480 lb. net weight ^{2/}
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres		Percent	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 bales
1925	45,968	44,386	3.44	168	174	16,123	16,104
1926	45,839	44,608	2.69	188	193	17,755	17,977
1927	39,471	38,342	2.86	157	162	12,783	12,956
1928	43,737	42,434	2.98	158	163	14,297	14,478
1929	44,448	43,232	2.74	160	164	14,548	14,825
1930	43,329	42,444	2.04	154	157	13,756	13,932
1931	39,110	38,704	1.04	209	212	16,629	17,096
1932	36,494	35,891	1.65	171	174	12,710	13,002
1933	40,248	29,383	27.00	210 ^{3/}	213	12,664	13,047
1934	27,860	26,866	3.57	166	172	9,472	9,637
1935	28,063	27,509	1.97	182	185	10,420	10,638
1936	30,627	29,755	2.85	194	199	12,141	12,399
1937	34,090	33,623	1.37	266	270	18,252	18,945
1938	25,018	24,248	3.08	232 ^{4/}	236	11,623	11,944
1939	24,683	23,805	3.56	234 ^{4/}	238	11,481	11,816
1940	24,871	23,861	4.06	248 ^{4/}	253	12,298	12,565
1941	23,130	22,236	3.87	227 ^{4/}	232	10,495	10,742
1942	23,302	22,602	3.00	268 ^{4/}	272	12,438	12,820
1943	21,900	21,610	1.32	251	254	11,129	11,429
1944	20,221	19,617	2.99	290	299	11,839	12,230
1945	18,092	17,029	5.88	239	254	8,813	9,016
1946	18,638	17,584	5.66	222	236	8,517	8,640
1947	21,786	21,330	2.09	261	267	11,557	11,857
1948	23,576	22,911	2.82	303	311	14,580	14,868
1949	28,283	27,439	2.98	273	282	15,909	16,128
1950	18,866	17,843	5.42	254	269	9,910	10,014
1951	29,353	26,949	8.19	247	269	15,076	15,148
1952	28,065	25,921	7.64	259	280	14,955	15,139
1953	26,872	24,341	9.42	294	324	16,317	16,438
1954	20,052	19,251	3.99	327	341	13,619	13,673
1955	17,991	16,928	5.91	392	417	14,542	14,698
1956	17,077	15,615	8.56	374	409	13,151	13,290
1957	14,310	13,558	5.26	367	388	10,880	10,948
1958	12,379	11,849	4.28	446	466	11,435	11,495
1959	15,833	15,117	4.52	440	461	14,515	14,527
1960	16,080	15,309	4.79	425	446	14,265	14,237
1961	16,588	15,634	5.75	413	438	14,325	14,283
1962	16,293	15,569	4.44	437	457	14,864	14,828
1963	14,843	14,212	4.25	497	517	15,290	15,294
1964	14,836	14,057	5.25	490	517	15,149	15,144
1965	14,152	13,615	3.79	507	527	14,933	14,941
1966	10,349	9,553	7.70	443	480	9,562	9,556
1967	9,450	7,997	15.36	378	447	7,439	7,444
1968	10,913	10,159	6.89	481	516	10,917	10,925
1969	11,883	11,051	6.96	404	434	9,937	9,990
1970	11,945	11,155	6.61	410	438	10,112	10,192
1971	12,355	11,471	7.15	407	438	10,229	10,477
1972	14,001	12,984	7.26	470	507	13,269	13,704
1973	12,480	11,970	4.09	499	520	12,611	12,974
1974	13,679	12,547	8.28	405	442	11,328	11,537
1975	9,448	8,796	6.90	422	453	8,151	8,296
1976	11,636	10,914	6.21	436	465	10,347	10,577
1977	13,680	13,275	2.95	505	520	14,018	14,388
1978	13,375	12,400	7.29	389	420	10,549	10,851
1979	13,978	12,831	8.20	502	547	14,262	14,620
1980	14,534	13,215	9.08	367	404	10,826	11,117
1981	14,330	13,841	3.41	523	543	15,150	15,627
1982	11,345	9,734	14.20	506	590	11,526	11,963
1983	7,926	7,348	7.29	471	508	7,504	7,771
1984 ^{5/}	11,146	10,461	6.15	572	610	11,687 ^{6/}	13,292

^{1/} In cultivation July 1, 1925-43. ^{2/} Years prior to 1953 are 500 pound gross weight bales. ^{3/} Based on acres in cultivation July 1, less acres plowed up. ^{4/} Based on acres in cultivation July 1, less acres removed to meet allotments. ^{5/} Based on data from annual "Crop Production," Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA, January 25, 1985. ^{6/} Ginnings prior to January 15, 1985, Bureau of the Census.

Supply, disappearance and stocks of all kinds of cotton in the U. S., by months and seasons, crops of 1982-1984 1/

Date	Supply			Disappearance		End-of-month stocks					
	Beginning stocks	Ginnings	Imports	Total	Domestic cons.	Exports	Total	Consuming estab.	1,000 bales		
									Public storage	Elsewhere	Total
		1,000 bales			1,000 bales						
		Crop of 1982			Crop of 1983						
Dec. 1982	12,167	1,754	*	13,922	425	377	802	698	11,101	1,320	13,119
Jan. 1983	13,119	721	1	13,841	404	438	843	782	11,120	1,097	12,999
Feb. "	12,999	225	*	13,224	430	368	798	777	10,225	1,424	12,426
Mar. "	12,426	-	1	12,427	549	487	1,037	790	9,713	887	11,390
Apr. "	11,390	-	*	11,390	431	612	1,042	795	8,796	757	10,348
May "	10,348	-	*	10,348	441	464	905	777	7,930	736	9,444
June "	9,444	-	*	9,444	543	435	979	757	7,419	289	8,465
July "	8,465	2	1	8,468	369	409	778	756	6,656	278	7,690
Season 4/	6,399	11,488	5/	17,908	5,259	4,959	10,218	756	6,656	150	7,561
					Crop of 1983						
Aug. 1983	7,561	313	2	7,876	453	367	820	712	6,168	177	7,057
Sept. "	7,057	458	1	7,515	560	322	882	639	5,870	124	6,633
Oct. "	6,633	2,575	1	9,209	459	261	720	556	7,119	813	8,489
Nov. "	8,489	2,659	1	11,149	446	441	887	554	8,570	1,138	10,262
Dec. "	10,262	1,207	*	11,469	468	632	1,100	611	8,790	968	10,369
Jan. 1984	10,369	264	1	10,633	469	663	1,132	647	7,525	1,329	9,501
Feb. "	9,501	22	1	9,523	448	719	1,167	713	6,359	1,285	8,357
Mar. "	8,357	-	*	8,357	548	896	1,443	741	4,997	1,177	6,914
Apr. "	6,914	-	*	6,914	430	723	1,154	766	3,956	1,038	5,760
May "	5,760	-	1	5,761	442	607	1,049	766	2,966	980	4,712
June "	4,712	-	2	4,714	503	422	925	822	2,212	755	3,789
July "	3,789	163	3	3,955	354	365	720	795	1,761	679	3,235
Season 4/	7,561	7,665	5/	15,238	5,628	6,419	12,047	795	1,761	350	2,906
					Crop of 1984						
Aug. 1984	2,906	473	2	3,381	416	452	867	715	1,491	307	2,513
Sept. "	2,513	544	1	3,058	494	264	758	645	1,432	223	2,300
Oct. "	2,300	3,145	1	5,446	415	292	707	542	3,386	811	4,739
Nov. "	4,739	4,648	-	9,387	377	484	861	560	7,486	480	8,526
Dec. " 6/	8,526	2,110	-	10,635	408	629	1,037	701	9,028	-131	9,598
Season thru Dec.	2,906	10,919	4	13,829	2,110	2,121	4,231				

1/ Imports in equivalent 480 pound gross weight bales, all others in running bales. 2/ Elsewhere stocks determined by subtracting public storage and consuming establishment stocks from total stocks. 3/ Total stocks determined by subtracting total disappearance from total supply. 4/ Adjusted data as reported in Supply and Distribution of Domestic and Foreign Cotton in the United States by Bureau of the Census. End-of-season total stocks include an allowance for city crop. Totals may not add due to rounding. 5/ Ginnings prior to August 1 included in carryover. 6/ Preliminary. Figures may not add due to various estimates. * Less than 500 bales.

China. In an effort to better manage the growing supplies of cotton in China, authorities plan to increase construction of storage facilities and form a new raw materials trade corporation to handle increased raw cotton exports, according to the Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA. The State Planning Commission and Ministry of Commerce stated that by the end of 1986 China will have storage for an additional 1.5 million tons of cotton. In addition, Chinatex reforms are seen as an effort to boost efficiency, improve quality and increase trade. These efforts are expected to improve China's cotton marketing efforts in the next three to five years.

New York futures contract settlement, designated spot market average for grade 41 staple 34 and 'A' Index cotton prices in cents per pound

Date	Grade 41 Staple 34							Grade 31 Staple 35 'A' Index 1/
	Futures Settlement							
	Mar '85	May '85	Jul '85	Oct '85	Dec '85	Mar '86	Desig. 8- Mkt. Avg.	
Jan. 31	64.43	65.76	66.85	67.40	67.40	68.85	58.50	70.00
Feb. 1	64.73	66.02	67.00	67.32	67.50	68.73	58.73	69.70
4	64.48	65.68	66.65	67.15	67.25	68.45	58.60	69.80
5	65.18	66.28	67.28	67.30	67.40	68.45	59.25	69.50
6	65.28	66.43	67.25	67.36	67.40	68.45	59.36	69.70
7	64.92	66.05	66.97	67.30	67.35	68.45	59.00	69.70

1/ C.I.F. Northern Europe price furnished by Cotton Outlook of Liverpool.

Chicago futures contract settlement and designated spot market average for grade 42 staple 31 in cents per pound

Date	Grade 42 Staple 31						Desig. 5-Mkt. Average 1/
	Futures Settlement						
	Mar '85	May '85	Jul '85	Oct '85	Dec '85		
Jan. 31	56.44	56.84	57.90	-	-	-	49.38
Feb. 1	56.60	57.05	57.90	-	-	-	49.56
4	56.46	56.89	57.62	-	-	-	49.31
5	56.40	56.88	57.56	-	-	-	49.83
6	56.37	56.73	57.46	-	-	-	49.89
7	56.01	56.52	57.24	-	-	-	49.52

1/ Greenville, Montgomery, Memphis, Dallas and Lubbock.

U. S. upland cotton export sales and exports, in running bales, for week and year, marketing years 1983-84 and 1984-85

Description	Marketing Year			
	1983-84		1984-85	
	Through February 2		Through January 31	
	Week	Marketing Year	Week	Marketing Year
Outstanding sales	-	3,249,100	-	2,784,000
Exports	175,300	2,819,300	181,200	2,948,300
Total export commitments	-	6,068,400	-	5,732,300
New sales	184,600	-	96,600	-
Buy-backs and cancellations	6,400	-	16,100	-
Net sales	178,200	-	80,500	-
Sales next marketing year	33,200	354,800	8,200	158,400

Source: Export Sales Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA

Upland cotton export sales during the week ended January 31 totaled 80,500 running bales, according to the Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA. The major buyers were South Korea with 36,900 bales, France 12,000 and Japan 9,700 bales. Weekly exports totaled 181,200 bales, up 31 percent from the previous week. Asian destinations accounted for 69 percent of the week's shipments, West European 18 percent and Western Hemisphere 11 percent.