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Spot cotton prices were fairly stable, according to the Cotton Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA. Trading activity was limited mostly to southern markets. New-crop offerings continued to increase but remained light. Merchant demand remained limited. Domestic mills bought a light to moderate volume of cotton. Export trading was a little more active. Arizona growers continued to assess damages from recent heavy rains and flooding. Harvesting slowly increased in California, New Mexico, Oklahoma and on the Texas Plains. Rains interrupted harvesting in central Texas and most southern states. United States 1983 cotton production was forecast at 7.55 million bales.

Spot cotton prices. The average price for grade 41 staple 34, mike 35-49 cotton, in the designated markets began the week on Friday, October 7, at 70.95 cents per pound. Prices moved within a range of 15 points or less every day during the week ended Thursday, October 13. The Thursday average price was 70.60 cents compared with 70.84 cents a week earlier and 59.54 cents on the corresponding Thursday last season. The New York December futures settlement price ended the week on Thursday at 76.73 cents per pound compared with 77.25 cents a week earlier.

Trading on spot cotton markets continued fairly active in the southern states but the volume traded was light. Grower-held supplies slowly increased as harvesting expanded. Many growers with available cotton were holding for higher prices. Demand was principally from merchants who were seeking cotton to cover nearby commitments. Domestic mill purchases were light to moderate and included cotton for both prompt and forward delivery. Foreign mill inquiries were more numerous and sales were made to both Far Eastern and European mills. Shipments were scheduled for prompt through July 1984. Purchases reported by cotton exchanges in the designated markets totaled 149,600 bales in the week ended Thursday, October 13. This compares with 104,700 bales a week earlier and 83,800 bales in the corresponding week last season.

Textile mill report. Domestic mill buying consisted of a light to moderate volume of cotton for both prompt and deferred delivery. Interest continued to improve for grades 31 and higher new-crop cotton. Where spot shortages occurred, mills covered their needs with gin-direct shipments or from other mills. Reports indicate rejections were running high on some direct delivery purchases. Cotton shipments were arriving from Texas and beginning to be received from central belt localities. Mill operating schedules of five to six-day weeks reflected steady business. Sales of numerous products were booked through year's end but some gaps remain in first and second quarters of next year. Most apparel goods and all-cotton yarns continued to move well, while some cotton-synthetic blends and a few industrial constructions moved more slowly.

All cotton production in the United States was forecast at 7.55 million 480 pound net weight bales, 37 percent below 1982 production and 3 percent less than the September 1 forecast, according to the Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA. Upland production was forecast at 7.47 million bales, 37 percent less than last year. American Pima production was forecast at 84,000 bales, 15 percent below 1982.

Acres for harvest was estimated at 7.44 million acres, down 24 percent from last year. Average yield per harvested acre was forecast at 487 pounds, 103 pounds below 1982.

Production in the southeastern states -- Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina -- was forecast at 412,000 bales, down 57 percent from last year and 6 percent

below the September 1 forecast. Early September rains came too late to significantly benefit the crop. Harvesting was about 15 percent finished by October 1.

In the Delta states -- Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee -- growers expect to harvest 1.91 million bales, down 48 percent from 1982 and 5 percent less than last month's forecast. Mid-September rains were too late to improve yields. Favorable harvesting weather prevailed. Harvest was in full swing by October 1 with about 15 percent picked.

Upland production in Oklahoma and Texas was forecast at 2.41 million bales, down 18 percent from 1982 and 4 percent below the September 1 forecast. Harvesting progressed slowly with about 14 percent finished by October 1. Defoliation was active on the Rolling Plains. Freezing temperatures on September 21 damaged cotton on the northern High Plains. Some low yielding acreage was abandoned in Oklahoma.

In the western states -- Arizona, California and New Mexico -- upland production was forecast at 2.72 million bales, 36 percent less than last year and was unchanged from the September 1 forecast. Defoliation was interrupted by rains the last week of September in the San Joaquin Valley. Harvesting was just beginning. Extensive crop damage and some loss of acreage from flooding occurred in Arizona the first week of October. Damage was heaviest in Graham, Pima and Pinal Counties. This report was based on production prospects as of October 1. Effects of early October damage will be reflected in the November forecast.

The Bureau of the Census reported 769,632 running bales ginned prior to October 1, compared with 1,529,044 bales ginned to the same date last year.

Cotton acreage harvested, yield per acre, production and ginnings, by states, 1982-1983

State	Area Harvested		Lint yield per harvested acre		Production 480 lb. net weight bales 1/			Ginnings prior to October 1	
	1982	Indicated 1983	1982	Indicated 1983	1982	Indicated 1983		1982	1983
						September	October		
	1,000 acres		Pounds		1,000 bales			Running bales	
<u>Upland</u>									
Alabama	285.0	195.0	775	460	460.0	205.0	187.0	52,112	18,194
Arizona	465.0	290.0	1,130	1,092	1,095.0	660.0	660.0	7,358	5,300
Arkansas	390.0	310.0	657	465	534.0	300.0	300.0	135,004	55,037
California	1,370.0	965.0	1,077	995	3,073.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	3,306	1,378
Florida 2/	15.0	9.5	627	621	19.6	12.3	12.3	-	-
Georgia	158.0	120.0	714	480	235.0	120.0	120.0	11,106	3,117
Louisiana	595.0	410.0	702	527	870.0	480.0	450.0	161,647	18,286
Mississippi	990.0	750.0	853	595	1,760.0	1,020.0	930.0	340,531	90,125
Missouri	151.0	93.0	648	361	204.0	51.0	70.0	85,080	41,123
Nevada 2/	0.7	-	617	-	0.9	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	68.0	49.0	551	598	78.0	61.0	61.0	18	D
North Carolina	70.0	59.0	699	366	102.0	45.0	45.0	4,840	3,735
Oklahoma	450.0	340.0	254	226	238.0	160.0	160.0	36	D
South Carolina	95.0	69.0	783	417	155.0	70.0	60.0	13,800	9,688
Tennessee	255.0	215.0	638	357	339.0	160.0	160.0	86,357	42,251
Texas	4,300.0	3,500.0	301	309	2,700.0	2,350.0	2,250.0	627,849	481,214
Virginia 2/	0.3	0.3	640	320	0.4	0.2	0.2	-	-
All other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	184
U. S.	9,658.0	7,374.8	590	486	11,863.9	7,694.5	7,465.5	D	769,632
<u>American Pima</u>									
Arizona	41.6	30.8	760	764	65.9	49.0	49.0	-	-
New Mexico	9.4	11.0	511	480	10.0	11.0	11.0	-	-
Texas	19.5	22.8	561	505	22.8	21.0	24.0	-	-
U. S.	70.5	64.6	672	624	98.7	81.0	84.0	D	-
U. S. all cotton	9,728.5	7,439.4	590	487	11,962.6	7,775.5	7,549.5	1,529,044	769,632

1/ Based on crop conditions about October 1.

2/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosure of individual gins.

Compiled from reports of the Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA and Bureau of the Census.

U.S. COTTON: EXPORTS BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION
(In Thousand of 480 pound bales)

Destination	Year Beginning August 1					
	Average	Marketing Year			July	
	1975-79	1980	1981	1982	1982	1983
Asia & Oceania:						
Bangladesh.....	99	33	50	88	0	5
China Mainland.....	653	1,375	847	20	15	0
China, Taiwan.....	533	351	777	378	65	22
Hong Kong.....	415	205	243	158	28	6
Indonesia.....	242	238	286	268	24	32
Japan.....	1,140	1,139	1,626	1,286	107	130
Korea, Republic of.....	1,178	1,303	1,412	1,322	102	107
Malaysia.....	45	26	53	30	5	3
Philippines.....	115	85	58	72	7	4
Singapore.....	24	11	16	13	2	1/
Thailand.....	184	207	167	197	20	16
Other Asia & Oceania.....	92	5	5	3	0	0
Total.....	4,720	4,978	5,540	3,835	375	326
Europe:						
Belgium.....	15	7	35	12	1/	0
France.....	62	42	58	45	2	2
Germany, Federal Republic of....	83	112	119	163	1	12
Greece.....	45	70	117	109	8	9
Italy.....	111	54	106	105	4	7
Netherlands.....	13	1	2	7	1/	0
United Kingdom.....	57	38	43	50	3	5
Other EC.....	15	63	58	68	2	9
Subtotal.....	401	387	538	559	20	44
Finland.....	10	3	12	9	1/	1
Norway.....	5	7	7	10	1	1
Poland.....	36	36	1	0	0	0
Portugal.....	47	33	54	40	2	2
Romania.....	47	0	0	0	0	0
Spain.....	74	60	57	72	3	4
Sweden.....	21	10	17	23	1	2
Switzerland.....	85	46	85	53	3	1
USSR.....	1/	1/	0	192	0	7
Yugoslavia.....	1	0	0	112	0	33
Other Europe.....	2	7	13	0	0	0
Total Europe.....	729	589	784	1,070	30	95
Western Hemisphere:						
Canada.....	209	267	167	238	7	5
Colombia.....	10	0	0	9	9	0
Other Western Hemisphere.....	15	10	5	6	1	2
Total.....	234	277	172	253	8	7
Africa & Middle East:						
Egypt.....	56	0	0	0	0	0
Ghana.....	21	7	3	6	0	0
Morocco.....	19	11	24	27	3	3
Other Africa & Middle East.....	19	64	44	16	1	1
Total.....	115	82	71	49	4	4
Grand total.....	5,798	5,926	6,567	5,207	417	432
Grand total (running bales).....	5,518	5,639	6,249	4,959	396	409
Total value (Mil of dol).....	1,778	2,360	2,097	1,532	122	145

1/ Less than 500 bales.

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Cottonseed prices - dollars per ton
Week ending October 12, 1983

State	Prices paid growers at gins 1/		State	Prices paid growers at gins 1/	
	Range	Average		Range	Average
Alabama	145-165	155.00	Missouri	160-180	170.30
Arizona			New Mexico		
Arkansas	125-190	157.90	North Carolina	150-195	165.70
California			Oklahoma		
Georgia	190-200	195.00	South Carolina	170-200	176.40
Louisiana	160-175	169.30	Tennessee	140-180	163.30
Mississippi	150-190	162.70	Texas	150-175	156.10

1/ Includes advances with final settlement at a later date.

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						8-Market Average	Grade 31 Staple 35 'A' Index 1/
	Futures Settlement							
	Dec '83	Mar '84	May '84	Jul '84	Oct '84			
Oct. 6	77.25	78.75	79.50	80.01	75.10	70.84	87.70	
7	77.40	78.80	79.60	80.10	75.30	70.95	87.55	
10	77.23	78.70	79.40	79.75	74.90	70.82	87.55	
11	76.69	78.15	79.00	79.42	74.75	70.67	87.45	
12	76.47	77.88	78.65	79.30	74.60	70.66	87.25	
13	76.73	78.11	79.00	79.50	74.75	70.60	87.15	

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

U. S. upland cotton export sales and exports, in running bales, for week and year, marketing years 1982-83 and 1983-84

Description	Marketing Year			
	1982-83		1983-84	
	Through October 7		Through October 6	
	Week	Marketing Year	Week	Marketing Year
Outstanding sales	-	2,116,200		
Exports	83,700	734,600		
Total export commitments	-	2,850,800		Will be released
New sales	59,600	-		
Buy-backs and cancellations	2,600	-		October 14, 1983
Net sales	57,000	-		
Sales next marketing year	-	10,000		

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