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Picking of the 2016/17 crop is in full swing, and is estimated to be close to half-way complete. Ginning began in earnest at the start of this month. Thus far, the harvest has benefited from favourable, warm and clear conditions. In consequence, early arrivals have yielded good colour grades, with staple around 1-3/32" to 1-1/8" and average Micronaire in the region of 4.5. Some rains were forecast during the mid-week period, before the return of clearer conditions at the end of the week.

Latest forecasts indicate a seed cotton outturn of 166,000/170,000 tonnes, suggesting a lint outturn of some 56,000 tonnes, a little lower than earlier anticipated.