

SPAIN

The harvest has continued to progress under mostly favourable conditions. To date, an estimated 75 percent of the crop has been picked. At the time of writing, sunny conditions persist, with temperatures in the mid-20s Celsius. However, rain is forecast to arrive over the weekend. It is hoped that the bulk of operations will by then have been completed.

Latest estimates indicate a lint outturn in the region of 55,000 tonnes (including some 5,000 of long staples). The figure is somewhat below earlier expectations, as a result of lower than anticipated. Staple is said to compare favourably with that obtained from recent harvests.

An estimated 80 percent of output has already been committed from first hands, with the result that ginneries are for the time being reluctant to offer additional quantities. Several thousand tonnes have already been shipped.