

Spain

Crop estimate reduced

Concern expressed recently was that rainfall at the tail-end of the harvest had probably affected the colour grade of late pickings and that the upland outturn would fall short of 50,000 tonnes, while long staple output (mostly picked before the rains) would add a further 5,000 tonnes or so to the total. The latest reassessment is that the combined total may now prove to be no greater than 50,000 tonnes (45,000 upland and 4,400 long staples). Some 90 percent of the crop is said already to have been committed from ginners' hands.

Seed cotton in ginners' warehouses as at October 28, according to official data, amounted to 132,000 tonnes.

Despite the late rain's impact, the overall quality of this season's output has exceeded previous crops in terms of both average colour grade and staple length.

