

## SPAIN

Reports from the major cotton-producing areas in the province of Sevilla remain encouraging with regard to the appearance of the crop. Should good weather assist plant development over the coming months, the harvest may be under way by mid-September. Clear skies currently rule over the region, with daytime temperatures rising to 30° Celsius or slightly higher.

Estimates place the planted area at around 65,000 hectares, which (depending on eventual yields) would imply a lint out-turn of around 65,000 tonnes. Of that volume, it is privately suggested, perhaps 50 percent has thus far been committed from first hands to the trade. Recent business has been arranged at prices around 450 cent points "on" December, ex-gin, for Middling 1-3/32". Ginners appear reluctant at this stage to add to their sales commitments.