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Abundant rainfall has recently been received in the main cotton-producing areas of Andalucía, helping to replenish reservoirs that had become depleted after a fairly dry winter. This has enhanced the prospects for irrigation of cotton and other crops. An allocation of 1,800 cubic metres of water per hectare is assured, but farmers anticipate that this could rise to 3,000.

Cotton plantings are expected to increase somewhat this season, as land is diverted mainly from corn and tomato crops. An area of around 70,000 hectares is envisaged, from which a lint outturn in the region of 65,000 tonnes might be anticipated.

Sowing should be under way by the end of this month.

Forward sales activity has thus far been limited. Some business has apparently been concluded at around 450 'on' December futures, basis Middling 1-3/32", ex-gin.

