

## **SPAIN**

Reports from the main producing areas in Andalusia remain broadly optimistic with regard to the prospects for the 2017/18 cotton crop. A brief spell of cool weather in early May did not materially affect the development of plants. Some beneficial rains fell around the beginning of the month and more moisture has been received in recent days. Conditions should clear over the weekend.

Early crop development is considered satisfactory, and plants in many fields are already showing their first "true leaf". If conditions remain favourable, and barring any future weather or pest-related setbacks, a lint output in the region of 65,000 tonnes remains in prospect. The first export shipments may be feasible by early to mid-October.