

# SPAIN

Planting of the 2019/20 crop is quite well advanced in the main cotton-producing provinces of Andalucía. It is estimated that 45,000 hectares had been sown by last weekend, at 65,000 (60,000 upland and the balance ELS).

Temperatures have on occasion been less than ideal, and strong winds have tended to take moisture from the soil. As a result, replanting may be required on a proportion (perhaps 10 percent) of the area sown to date. No undue concern is expressed, however, as improving conditions should allow planting intentions to be fully realised by early May.