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Planting of the 2019/20 cotton crop has been completed and so far weather conditions are excellent for the early development of cotton and other spring crops. Water is ample for irrigation and daytime temperatures are typically reaching the mid-30s Celsius. The incident of pests has thus far been minimal.

Forward selling has until recently been fairly active and it is understood that ginneries have already committed an estimated 60 percent of the prospective crop. The last sales reported were arranged at basis levels in the region of 275 cent points "on" December futures for a Middling 1-3/32" to 1-1/8", FCA gin. At present, the market is quiet and few offers if any are forthcoming from the ginneries' side.

Merchants have very little cotton to offer from their 2018/19 crop holdings, but a fair volume of 2019/20 forward sales have been arranged, mainly for shipment during the last quarter of the year.