

## SPAIN

### Lower plantings

Although an official figure has not yet been released, it is believed that some 58,200 hectares have been sown to the 2021/22 cotton crop. That would represent a decline of around six percent from the previous season. It seems that 'permanent' crops (almonds, olives, citrus fruits) have encroached on some land traditionally devoted to cotton. In

addition, the tight water supply this season is a source of concern with regard to the crop's yield potential. Current estimates of the crop are around 55,000 tonnes, similar to last season's output. Roughly two thirds of that volume have already been committed from first hands. As a result, ginneries are for the time being reluctant to offer further quantities, and may remain so until September, when a more accurate assessment of the crop should prove feasible.

