

Chart 1
Major Cotton Producers Contribute 78 Percent of World Output Equal to Last Year

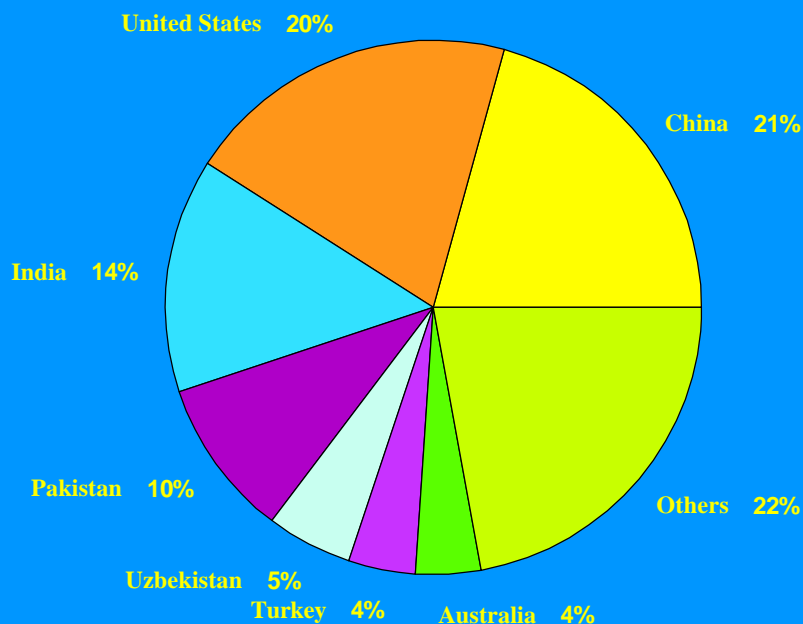


Chart 2

World Cotton Area Stable on Higher Prices

- Estimated output at 86.7 Mbales for 2000/01 on stable area and yield.
- Forecast area at 32.4 MHa, about equal to 1999/00 but down from the recent peak of 35.9 million in 1995/96.
- Higher prices to date are mainly a result of higher world consumption, up 5.8 Mbales in 2000/01 and 4.2 Mbales in 1999/2000 over output.
- Stocks are estimate down 5.5 Mbales in 2000/01 and down 4.4 in 1999/00, adding upward price pressure.

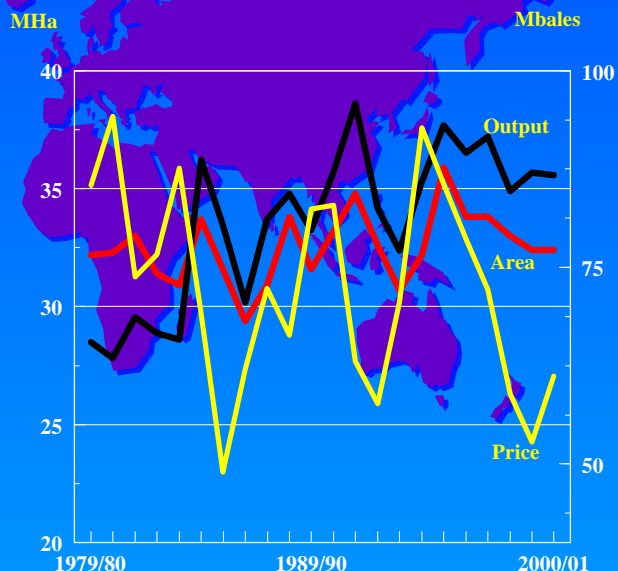


Chart 3

United States' Cotton Up on Area and Yield

- Output for 2000/01 estimated at 17.5 Mbales, up 3 percent from 1999/2000.
- Output up from last year, despite drought in west Texas and southeast.
- Area harvested and yield up from last year's weather reduced crop.
- Projected yield at 697 kg per Ha compared to 680 kg in 1999/2000.

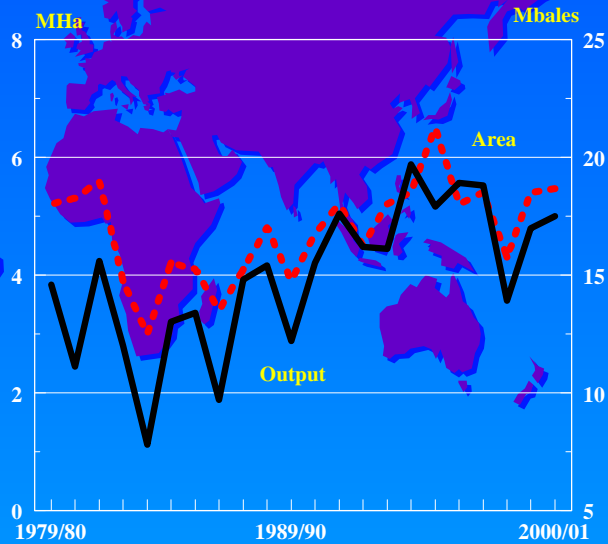


Chart 4

China's Output Up on Higher Domestic Prices

- Estimated output for 2000/01 at 18.0 Mbales, up 2 percent from last year due to slightly higher area and yield.
- Despite government's plan to discourage cotton plantings, favorable prices led farmers to increase area.
- Yield estimate at 1.03 MT/Ha due in part to good weather, shift of area to Xinjiang, and switch to insect resistant Bt cotton on North China Plain where yields have been reduced by bollworms.

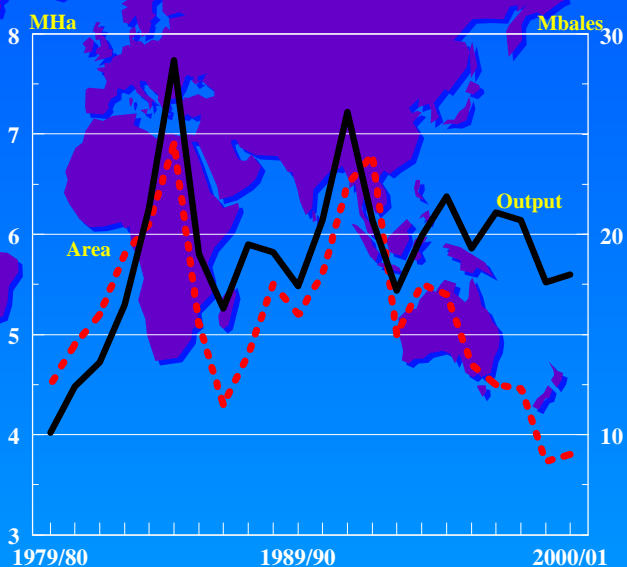


Chart 5

India's Cotton Output stable Despite Reduced Rains

- Output forecast at 12.3 Mbales for 2000/01, equaling last year's crop.
- Harvested area forecast at 8.9 MHa, equal to last year but 0.4 MHa below the record 9.3 MHa in 1998/99.
- Lower rainfall for the second year in the key states of Gujarat, parts of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh did not allow area to recover from 1998/99.
- Reductions in yield caused by low rainfall were offset by gains in other cotton areas, especially in the northern states of Punjab and Haryana.

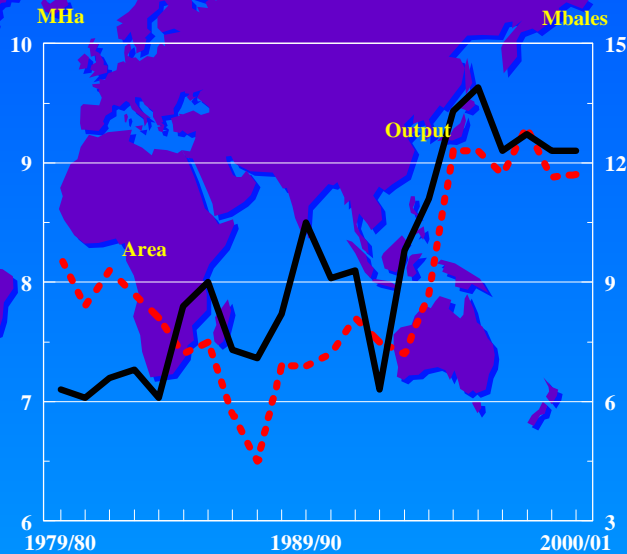


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Uzbekistan's Output Down on Reduced Irrigation and Weather Damage

- Estimated 2000/01 output is at 4.5 Mbales, down 0.7 million from last year's average size crop.
- Low irrigation supplies and very hot weather reduce yield mostly in the western cotton-growing regions.
- Slower harvest pace than last year as October has been cold and rainy.
- Harvest, which in early October was even with last year, is now nearly 20 percent behind.
- Late rains are likely to Lower yield more .

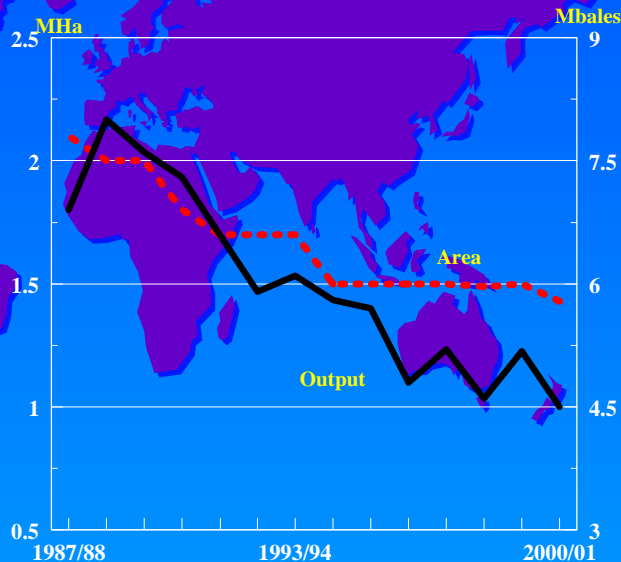


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Pakistan's Output Down on Reduced Yield in the Sindh

- Output for 2000/01 at 8.3 Mbales, down 0.3 million from last year.
- Yields are expected to be marginally better in the Punjab (which accounts for about 80 percent of production) but are forecast to decline as much as 25 percent in Sindh, primarily due to late planting and irrigation problems.
- Estimated area is nearly 3.0 MHa, up 2 percent due to early-season irrigation shortages which caused farmers to switch from rice and cane to cotton.

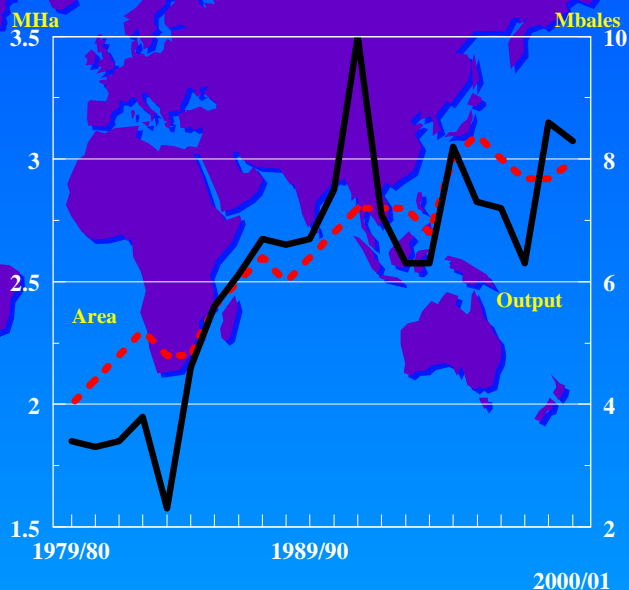


Chart 8

Turkey Cotton Down on Shift in Land Use

- Output forecast at 3.5 Mbales for 2000/01, 5 percent lower than last year's crop of 3.7 million.
- Harvested area forecast at 0.67 MHa, 7 percent below last year's.
- Drop in area from 1999/00 occurred largely because GAP growth slowed, allowing the decline in other cotton areas to pull total area down.
- Low domestic cotton prices have allowed other crops such as corn to replace cotton in rotation with winter wheat.

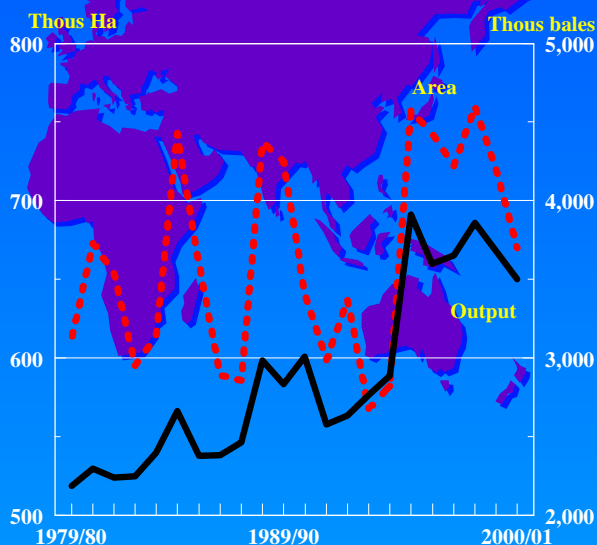


Chart 9

Australia Cotton Up on Higher Irrigation Area

- Output forecast at 3.4 Mbales for 2000/01, nearly 0.15 million Higher than last year's crop.
- Harvested area forecast at 0.485 MHa, 35,000 higher than last year's.
- Higher area from 1999/00 occurred largely because of continued good cotton prices pulling in more dryland cotton area.
- Reduced winter rain could temper this forecast reducing the amount of dryland area.

