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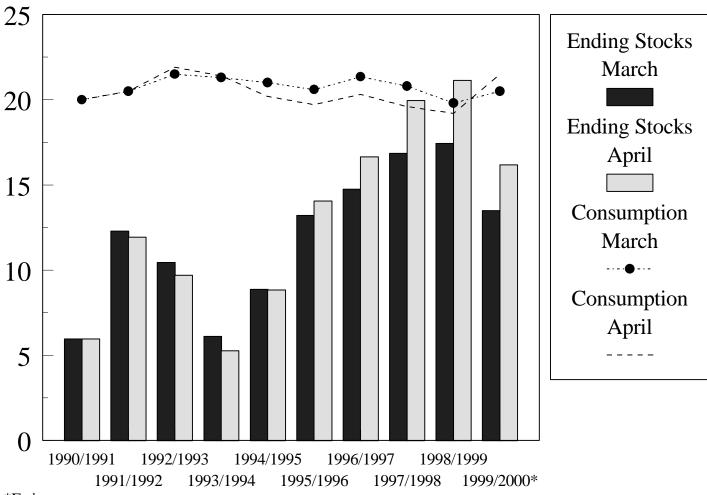
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Cotton: World Markets and Trade

Revisions in China Cotton Consumption Figures Result in Increased Ending Stocks

Million 480-lb. Bales



*Estimate

USDA data for China consumption has been revised for the period 1991/92 through 1999/2000. These changes consist mainly of adjustments to China's cotton consumption to reflect new information about the historical percentage share of cotton in China's yarn production. China's trade and production figures were not changed. Beginning and ending stocks have been adjusted to reflect the revised consumption. Ending stocks are up 9 percent from last month's estimate. A more detailed explanation is found on page 6.