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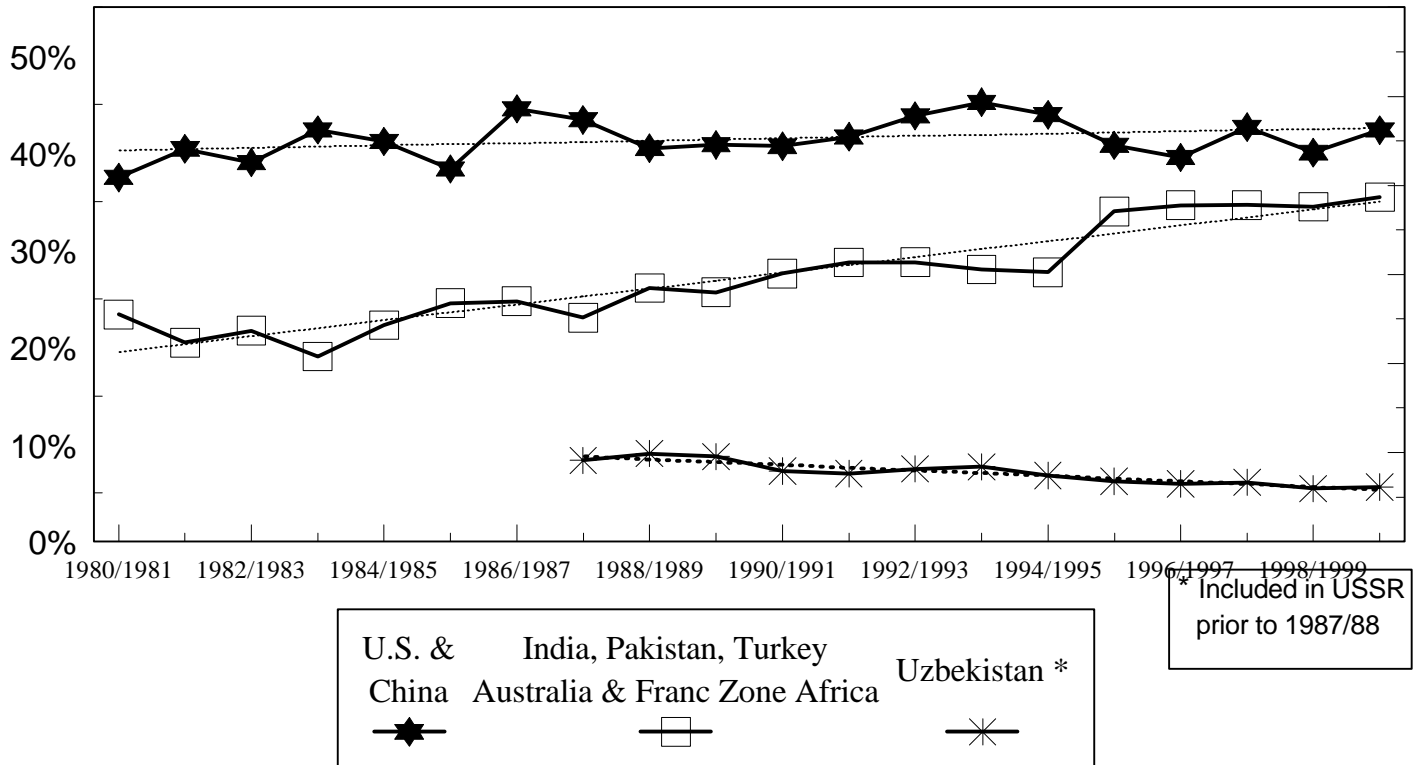
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Cotton: World Markets and Trade

Share of World Cotton Consumption Supplied by Top 8 Producers

Percent



Over the last few years, the top eight cotton producers -- China, United States, India, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, the Franc Zone African countries, Turkey, and Australia -- supplied just over 80 percent of the total cotton used in the world. The countries forming the top eight have changed over the last 20 years, with Australia and the Franc Zone African countries replacing Egypt and Brazil, and Uzbekistan filling the slot formerly held by the USSR. However, the share of the world market supplied by the top eight countries is roughly the same level as 20 years earlier. Over this period, China and the United States supplied roughly 40 percent of the cotton used in the world. While the year-to-year share of each has varied, the total for these two countries shows no growth. India, Pakistan, Turkey, Australia, and the Franc Zone African countries have all seen sustained steady growth in their combined share. Together, their share increased from around 20 percent in the early 1980's to 35 percent for 1999/2000. Lastly, Uzbekistan's share has steadily eroded.

Note: Share of world consumption equals domestic consumption plus exports less imports divided by total world consumption.