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Tchad et Togo

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2024/2025 COTTON SEASON

**Difficult installation of rains and sowing
in most PR-PICA countries**

Dear PR-PICA Members and Partners

The 2023/2024 cotton season which ended was relatively better compared to that of 2022/2023, with increases in seed cotton yield varying from 11 to 53% depending on the country. This was possible, thanks to the control of infestations of the new species of jassid, *Amrasca biguttula*, by the new insecticide products recommended by research (GRACIA 10 EC, JACOBIA 350 EC and FLONICAMIDE 500 WG).

I would therefore like to express my thanks to all the actors who contributed to finding rapid solutions to this type of jassides, which caused enormous damage to seed cotton production during the 2022/2023 campaign.

The 2024/2025 season has started in the different countries and continues with sowings carried out since May. Rainfall difficulties have already been recorded in several countries, negatively impacting sowing rates.

This newsletter provides an update on the progress of the season up to June 30, 2024 in PR-PICA member countries.

I wish you a good exploitation of it.

**I wish you all an excellent
2024/2025 cotton season.**



Chairman
Luc ABADASSI

RAINFALL DATA, 2024/2025 SEASON

Rainfall for the month of may 2024

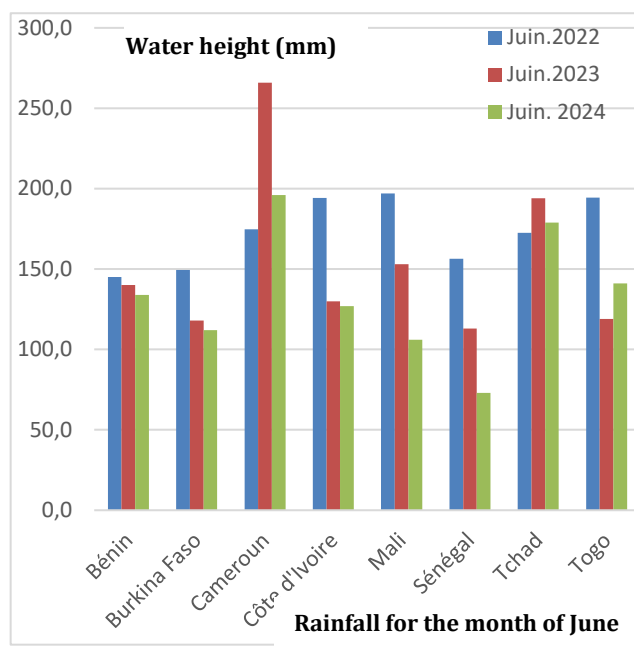
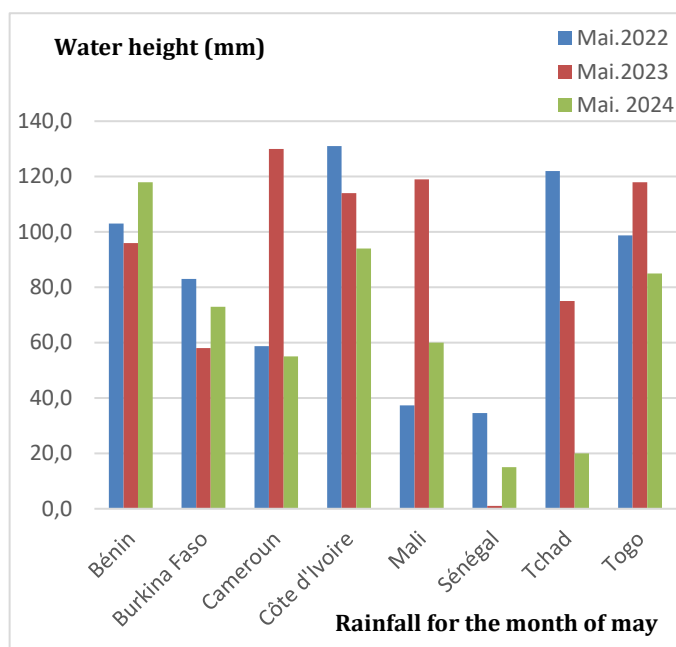
Agro-ecological zones	Dekad	Bénin		Burkina Faso		Cameroun		Côte d'Ivoire		Mali		Sénégal		Tchad		Togo	
		nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)
Dry zone/ North	Dekad 1	1	19	1	20	1	3	1	15	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	15
	Dekad 2	2	45	2	66	2	6	1	5	2	26	0	0	1	5	2	34
	Dekad 3	3	45	1	13	2	8	1	8	1	35	1	5	1	13	2	29
	Total	6	109	5	99	5	17	3	28	3	61	1	5	3	19	5	79
Median zone/ Center	Dekad 1	1	23	1	24	0	0	1	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
	Dekad 2	2	49	2	22	3	20	3	18,5	1	12	0	0	1	10	2	33
	Dekad 3	2	38	1	17	2	38	1	48	1	8	1	13	2	16	2	28
	Total	5	110	4	63	5	58	5	81,5	2	20	1	13	4	26	4	68
Humid zone South	Dekad 1	1	31	1	11	0	0	3	81	1	8	1	2	0	0	1	21
	Dekad 2	3	44	1	33	2	18	4	66	2	6	1	5	1	0	2	30
	Dekad 3	4	59	1	13	5	71	2	24	2	86	2	19	1	15	2	58
	Total	8	134	3	57	7	89	9	171	5	100	4	26	2	15	5	109
AVERAGE MAY 2024		6	118	4	73	6	55	6	94	3	60	2	15	3	20	5	85
RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION		XX		X		X		X		XX		X		X		X	

X= Low distribution. XX : Average distribution. XXX : Good distribution

Rainfall for the month of june 2024

Agro-ecological zones	Dekad	Bénin		Burkina Faso		Cameroun		Côte d'Ivoire		Mali		Sénégal		Tchad		Togo	
		nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)
Dry zone/ North	Dekad 1	2	30	1	14	5	60	1	22	1	9	0	0	3	62	3	44
	Dekad 2	3	57	2	43	5	64	1	10	4	57	2	9	3	81	3	54
	Dekad 3	2	43	2	41	3	57	3	37	4	75	0	0	3	52	3	54
	Total	7	130	6	98	13	181	5	69	9	141	2	9	9	195	9	153
Median zone/ Center	Dekad 1	2	21	2	46	4	84	3	112	2	46	1	1	3	70	1	12
	Dekad 2	2	49	2	46	6	29	2	45	4	30	2	32	2	47	2	23
	Dekad 3	2	41	3	52	2	88	4	60	2	36	1	31	2	57	3	78
	Total	6	110	8	144	12	201	9	217	8	112	5	64	7	173	6	113
Humid zone South	Dekad 1	2	23	2	38	5	106	3	37	1	9	2	12	4	102	2	36
	Dekad 2	3	61	2	27	3	77	2	16	1	24	5	80	2	34	1	42
	Dekad 3	3	77	2	30	2	23	2	41	3	33	2	54	2	32	3	80
	Total	8	161	6	94,7	10	206	7	94	5	66	9	147	8	168	6	158
AVERAGE JUNE 2024		7	134	7	112	12	196	7	127	7	106	5	73	8	179	7	141
REPARTITION PLUVIOMETRIQUE		XX		XX		XX		XX		XX		X		X		XX	

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Rainfall in May and June 2024 compared to the last two seasons

Water levels in the countries in May 2024 were generally low, with values below 100 mm, except in Benin, which received 118 mm. This situation will have a negative impact on early planting rates in most countries.

Rainfall distribution was low to average, ranging from 1 to 6 days depending on the country.

Compared with rainfall in May of the previous season (2023/2024), this year's rainfall for the same month was on the increase in Benin (+22 mm), Burkina Faso (+15 mm) and Senegal (14 mm). On the other hand, there was a decrease in Cameroon (-75 mm), Côte d'Ivoire (-20 mm), Mali (-59 mm), Chad (-55 mm) and Togo (-33 mm).

In June 2024, low to average rainfall was recorded, ranging from 73 mm in Senegal to 196 mm in Cameroon.

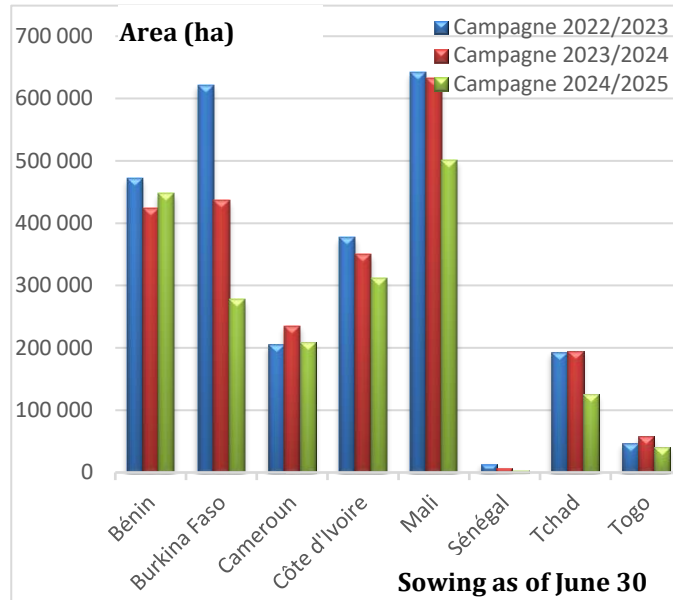
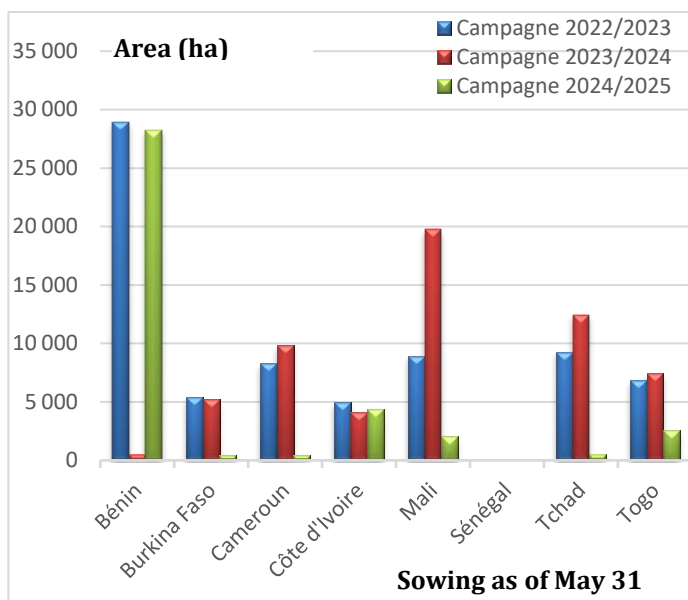
Rainfall distribution was low to average, ranging from 5 to 12 days depending on the country.

Compared with June rainfall in the previous season (2023/2024), June 2024 registered a decrease in rainfall in all countries (ranging from -3 mm in Côte d'Ivoire to -70 mm in Cameroon), with the exception of Togo, which recorded an increase of 22 mm.

Overall, rainfall in June was very erratic, which will have a negative impact on planting rates.

AREA SOWN, 2024/2025 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
FORECAST 2024/2025 SEASON (ha)	600 000	520 874	250 000	368 500	757 000	13 606	295 854	100 000
TOTAL area sown as of May 31, 2024 (ha)	28 237	452	464	4 401	2 015	0	529	2 538
Implementation rate as of May 31, 2024 (%)	4,4	0,1	0,2	1,2	0,3	0,0	0,2	2,5
TOTAL area sown as of June 30, 2024 (ha)	447 701	278 388	209 761	311 345	500 565	3 559	125 491	40 830
Implementation rate as of June 30, 2024 (%)	70,0	53,4	83,9	84,5	66,1	26,2	42,4	41



Areas sown compared: 2022/2023, 2023/2024 et 2024/2025 season.

In May, areas sown were low in all countries compared with the campaign forecasts, with rates ranging from 0% in Senegal to 4.4% in Benin.

Compared with the May sowings of the 2023/2024 season, the areas sown decreased in Burkina Faso (-4,739 Ha), Cameroon (-9,335 Ha), Mali (-17,734Ha), Chad (-11,911 Ha) and Togo (-4,887 Ha). However, an increase in area was recorded in Benin (+27,728 Ha) and Côte d'Ivoire (+330 Ha).

As of June 30, 2024, the sowing rate was low to good. Only Cameroon and Côte d'Ivoire have planting rates above 80%.

Compared with the 2023/2024 season, there has been a decrease in areas sown in all countries as of June 30

(ranging from -3,754 Ha in Senegal to -158,603 Ha in Burkina Faso), with the exception of Benin, which recorded an increase of 23,693 Ha. This decrease in area in most countries is essentially due to the rainfall difficulties experienced.

Taking into account the stratification of sowings, the probability of not reaching sowings is high for several countries. In addition, a high rate of late sowings is expected.

NB: the final situation of sowing will not be known until the end of July 2024. Sowing will continue in all countries until July in accordance with the schedule below.

Seedling stratification	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
Early	North: Before May 20	Before June 10	Before June 10	Before June 1	Before June 20	Before June 30	May 25 to June 10	North: Before June 1
	Center : Before June 10							South: Before June 10
	South: Before June 25							
Intermediate	North: May 20 to June 20	June 10 to June 30	June 10 to July 10	June 1st to June 30th	June 21 to July 10	July 1st to 15th	June 11 to July 10	North: June 1 to 30
	Center: June 10 to July 05							South: June 10 to July 20
	South: June 25 to July 10							
Late	North: After June 20	After June 30th	After July 10th	After June 30	After July 10th	After July 15	After July 10	North: After June 30
	Center: After July 05							South: After July 20
	South: After July 10							

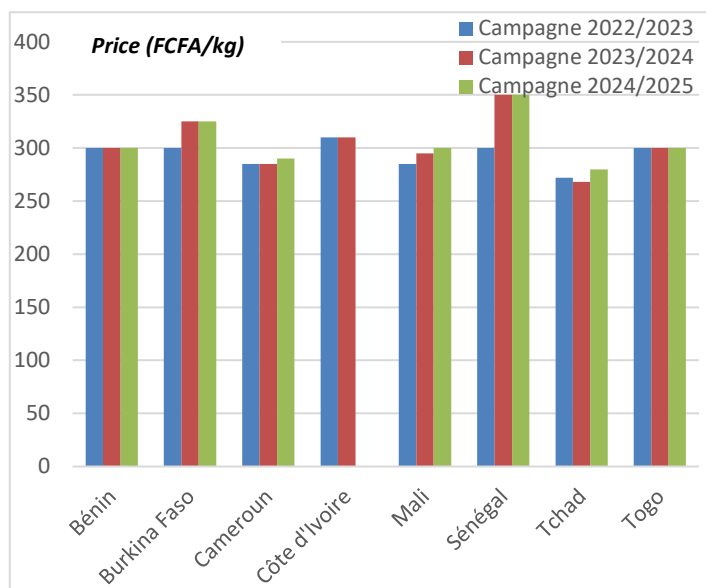
PURCHASE PRICE FOR SEED COTTON, 2024/2025 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
1st choice (FCFA/kg)	300	325	290	Pas encore Fixé	300	350	280	300
2nd choice (FCFA/kg)	250	300	280		275	310	194	280
3rd choice (FCFA/kg)			265			245	92	

For the 2024/2025 season, seed cotton purchase prices have been fixed for all countries except Côte d'Ivoire. These prices vary from one country to another, ranging from 280 FCFA/Kg in Chad to 350 FCFA/Kg in Senegal, for the 1st choice. With the exception of Chad and Cameroon, all other countries have seedcotton purchase prices greater than or equal to 300 F/Kg for 1st choice.

Compared with prices for the 2023/2024 season, purchase prices per Kg of 1st grade seed cotton for this season are increasing in Mali (+5 F) and Chad (+12 F). They are stable for the other countries.

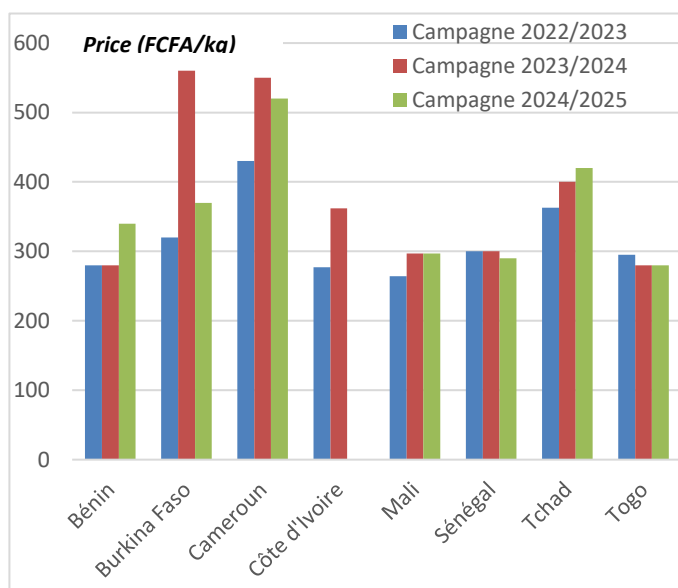
These attractive prices should encourage producers to take up cotton production.



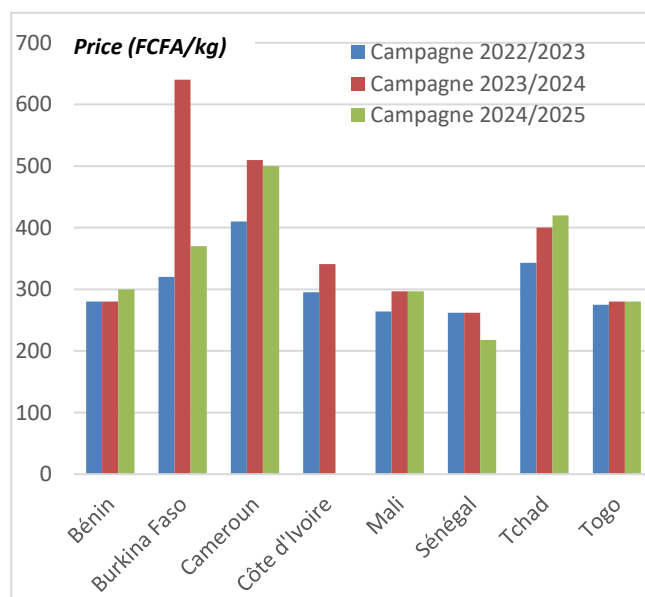
Seed cotton purchase price (FCFA/Kg), 2022/2023, 2023/2024 et 2024/2025 seasons

FERTILIZER TRANSFER PRICE, 2024/2025 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
NPKSB (FCFA/kg)	340	370	520	Pas encore fixé	296,8	290	420	280
UREA (FCFA/kg)	300	370	500		296,8	218	420	280



NPKSB transfer price (FCFA/Kg), 2022/2023, 2023/2024 et 2024/2025 cotton seasons



Urea transfer price (FCFA/Kg), 2022/2023, 2023/2024 et 2024/2025 cotton seasons

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
NPKSB and SSP (for Benin) formula	SSP : PCaS (P18% ; Ca 25 % ; S 12 %) 14-18-18-6-1	14-18-18-6-1 14-18-18-5-1+ 2,5CaO	15-20-15-5-1 22-23-15-5-1	15-15-15-6-1	14-18-18-5-1+ 2,5CaO	14-18-18-5-1+ 2,5CaO	15-15-15-6-1	12-20-18-5-1
	Bulk and Complex	Bulk and Complex	Bulk	Bulk and Complex	Bulk and Complex	Complex	Complex	Bulk

he selling prices of NPKSB and Urea fertilizers are known in all countries for this 2024/2025 season, with the exception of Côte d'Ivoire. Prices vary from one country to another, ranging from 280 FCFA/Kg in Togo (NPKSB and Urea) to 520 FCFA/Kg and 500 FCFA/Kg in Cameroon (respectively for NPKSB and Urea).

Compared with last season's prices, prices remained stable in Mali and Togo. Prices increased in Benin (+60 F for NPK and +20 F for Urea) and Chad (+20 F for NPK and Urea), but decreased in Burkina Faso (-190 F for NPK and -270 F for Urea), Cameroon (-30 F for NPK and -10 F for Urea) and Senegal (-10 F for NPK and -44 F for Urea).

Fertilizer prices on the international market remain high. Government subsidies to cotton sector operators have played an important role in setting input and seed cotton prices in several countries.

The NPKSB fertilizer formulas used are virtually the same as those used in previous campaigns. Benin, which last season used only Super Simple Phosphate (SSP) fertilizer, has added NPKSB formula 14-18-18+5S+1B this season.

For some years now, Burkina Faso, Mali and Senegal have been using the Calcium-enriched fertilizer 14-18-18+5S+1B+2.5CaO, recommended by PR-PICA.

COTTON VARIETIES GROWN, 2024/2025 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
VARIETY	- ANG 956 - OKP 768 - KET 782	- FK 37 - FK 64	- IRMA Q302 - IRMA A2288 - IRMA D2139 - IRMA Z2347	- GOUASSOU FUS1 - CI-123 - CI-128 - IRMA Q302 - Y 331 BLT	- NTA MS 334 - NTA 93-15 - G440 - STAM 279-A	- STAM 129 A - ISCOPG(G440)	- A51 - STAMF	- STAM 190 - STAM 129 A

For this 2024/2025 season, the cotton varieties grown differ from country to country, with the exception of STAM, which is found in Mali, Senegal, Chad and Togo. In most countries, the varieties grown have been virtually the same for several seasons. However, for this season, the introduction in

Côte d'Ivoire of the IRMA variety Q302 and the return of the Y 331 BLT variety. In Senegal, the ISCOPG (G440) variety is also making a comeback.

As a reminder, as part of PR-PICA's activities, the variety selection program is underway in all countries.

DEFINITIVE SEED COTTON PRODUCTION, 2023/2024 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
Areas (ha)	508 359	462 163	241 563	392 696	709 750	15 453	193 916	80 235
Production (Kg/Ha)	600 063	387 279	394 090	347 371	690 000	12 991	111 262	67 679
Yield (Kg/Ha)	1 180	838	1 631	884	972	841	574	844
Evolution of the production compared to the previous season (%)	1,99	-4,3	25,3	47	77,0	-1,1	9,3	45,4
Evolution of yield compared to the previous season (%)	15	28	20	53	49	11	25	20