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2025/2026 COTTON SEASON

Rainfall and sowing situation in the PR-PICA countries

Dear PR-PICA Members and Partners,

2024/2025 cotton season which has just ended was characterised in the Programme countries by rainfall irregularities and low pest pressure, with the exception of jassids which were present throughout the cotton cycle with average to high infestations. With the exception of Senegal, seed cotton production was well below the forecasts and achievements for the 2023/2024 season.

Despite this difficult season, I would like to offer my encouragement and thanks to all those involved in the cotton sectors in the PR-PICA member countries, who are sparing no effort to improve cotton productivity and producers' incomes.

The current 2025/2026 cotton season has already started in all countries, with the first sowings in May. Rainfall problems have already been observed in most countries, resulting in low to average sowing rates by 30 June.

This newsletter, while providing the final situation of seed cotton production for the 2024/2025 season, also provides an update on the progress of the 2025/2026 season in the member countries, as of June 30, 2025.

I wish you a good exploitation and an excellent 2025/2026 cotton season.



Chairman
Tete AWOKOU

RAINFALL DATA, 2025/2026 SEASON

Rainfall for the month of may 2025

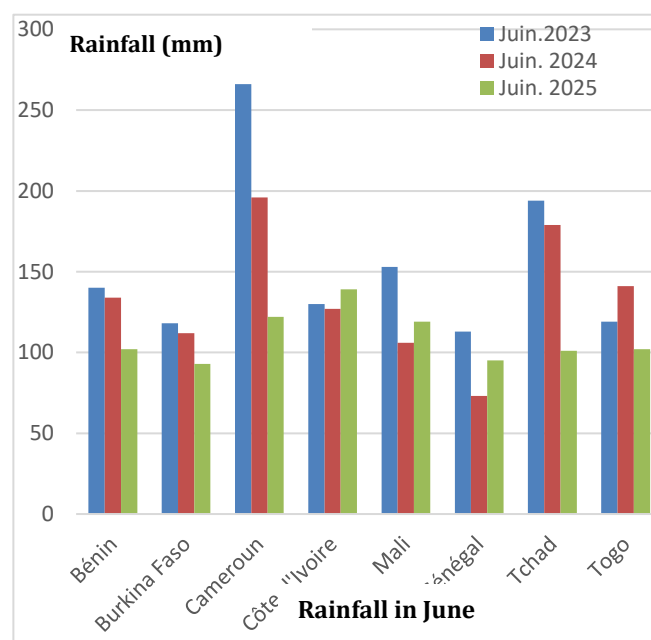
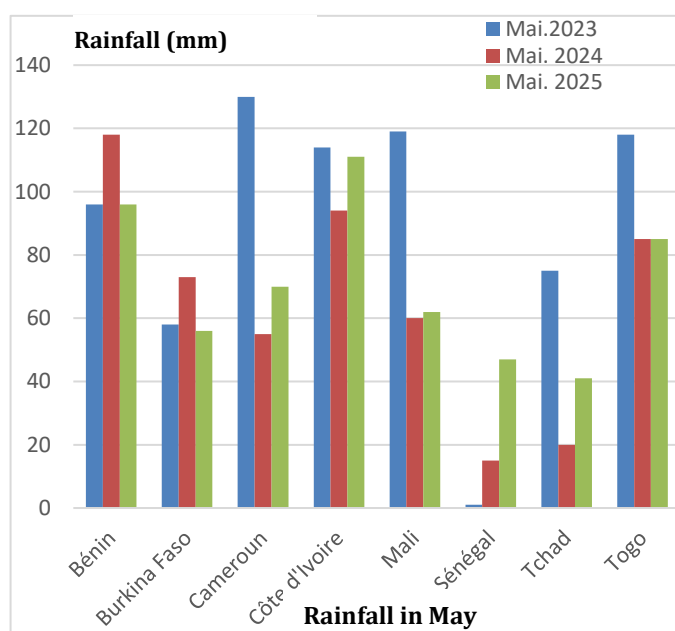
Agro-ecological zones	Décade	Bénin		Burkina Faso		Cameroun		Côte d'Ivoire		Mali		Sénégal		Tchad		Togo	
		nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)
Dry zone/ North	Décade 1	1	14	1	9	2	4	1	30	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	10
	Décade 2	2	47	1	13	2	17	2	28	2	17	0	0	1	20	2	35
	Décade 3	3	47	1	27	3	44	1	20	0	0	1	26	1	7	3	43
	Total	6	108	4	50	7	65	4	78	3	20	2	26	2	27	6	88
Median zone/ Center	Décade 1	1	16	1	2	0	0	3	40	1	12	1	2	0	5	1	7
	Décade 2	2	34	1	11	3	49	4	43	1	46	1	2	1	10	2	23
	Décade 3	2	40	1	12	1	31	2	27	1	2	2	38	1	10	2	17
	Total	5	90	3	24	4	80	9	110	3	60	4	42	2	25	5	47
Humid zone South	Décade 1		0	1	21	1	9	2	11	1	18	1	17	1	19	1	1
	Décade 2	2	44	2	33	2	26	5	99	2	48	1	4	1	13	2	63
	Décade 3	2	47	2	38	3	30	1	34	2	41	2	52	2	40	3	55
	Total	4	91	5	93	6	65	8	144	5	107	4	73	3	72	6	120
AVERAGE MAY 2025		5	96	4	56	6	70	7	111	4	62	3	47	2	41	6	85
RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION		XX		XX		X		XX		XX		X		X		X	

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

Rainfall for the month of june 2025

Agro-ecological zones	Décade	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	Décade 1	2	35	1	14	2	28	3	87	1	6	0	0	2	30	2	23
	Décade 2	1	18	3	39	1	7	2	44	4	64	2	38	2	23	2	24
	Décade 3	2	34	3	34	4	57	2	66	3	30	1	30	2	56	2	38
	Total	5	87	7	88	7	92	7	197	8	100	4	68	6	108	6	84
Median zone/ Center	Décade 1	2	35	1	12	1	1	1	31	2	28	1	4	2	24	2	34
	Décade 2	2	29	5	39	4	39	2	8	2	45	2	43	2	32	1	22
	Décade 3	2	26	2	26	3	16	4	52	4	75	2	32	2	60	2	17
	Total	6	90	8	77	8	56	7	91	8	148	5	79	6	116	5	73
Humid zone South	Décade 1	4	57	2	24	5	55	2	53	4	18	2	31	2	26	4	62
	Décade 2	3	44	3	35	3	38	3	69	5	52	3	36	1	18	3	49
	Décade 3	2	29	3	57	3	125	2	8	2	40	3	69	2	35	2	37
	Total	9	129	8	115	11	218	7	130	11	110	8	137	4	79	9	148
AVERAGE JUNE 2025		7	102	8	93	9	122	7	139	9	119	5	95	6	101	7	102
REPARTITION PLUVIOMETRIQUE		X		XX		X		X		XX		X		X		X	

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Rainfall in May and June 2025 compared to the last two seasons

The water quantities recorded in the countries in May 2025 were low to average, ranging from 46 mm in Senegal to 111 mm in Côte d'Ivoire. The third dekad of May saw the onset of rains in all countries, allowing the first so-called early sowing to be carried out.

The distribution of rainfall was poor to average depending on the country, ranging from 2 days in Senegal to 7 days in Côte d'Ivoire.

Compared to the rainfall in May of the previous season (2024/2025), the water levels recorded this year for the same month are maintained in Togo and up in Cameroon (+15 mm), Côte d'Ivoire (+17 mm), Mali (+2 mm), Senegal (+32 mm) and Chad (+21 mm). However, they are down in Benin (-22 mm) and Burkina Faso (-17 mm).

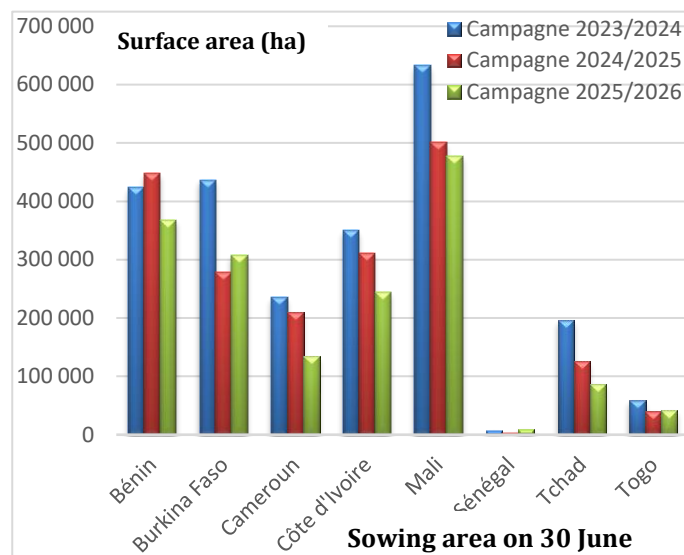
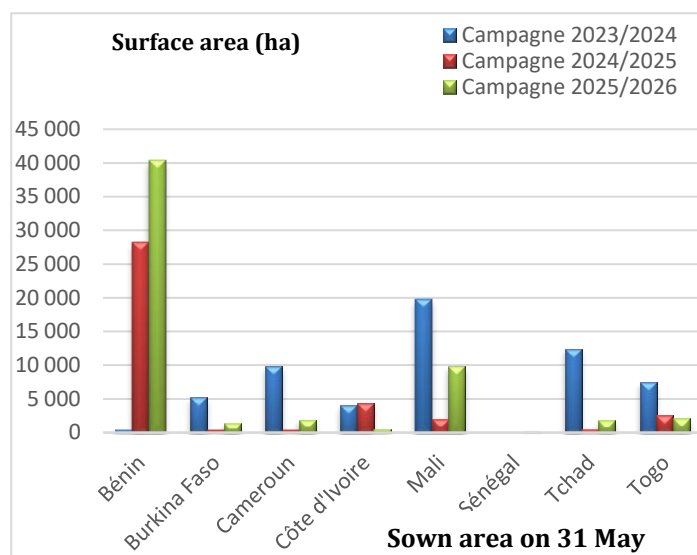
As for the month of June 2025, it was moderately rainy in all countries, with water quantities between 93 mm (Burkina Faso) and 139 mm (Côte d'Ivoire).

The distribution of rainfall was poor to average, ranging from 5 to 9 days depending on the country. Overall, rainfall was very capricious during the month of June, negatively impacting sowing rates.

With reference to the rainfall in June of the previous season (2024/2025), there was a decrease in water levels in June 2025 in Benin (-32 mm), Burkina Faso (-19 mm), Cameroon (-74 mm), Chad (-78 mm) and Togo (-39 mm). On the other hand, an increase is observed in Côte d'Ivoire (+12 mm), Mali (+13 mm) and Senegal (+22 mm).

AREA SOWN, 2025/2026 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
FORECAST 2025/2026 SEASON (ha)	600 000	536 422	250 000	353 500	672 000	21 160	224 372	110 000
TOTAL area sown as of May 31, 2025 (ha)	40 382	1 374	1 883	559	9 806	103	1 769	2 048
Implementation rate as of May 31, 2025 (%)	6,7	0,3	0,8	0,2	1,5	0,5	0,8	1,9
TOTAL area sown as of June 30, 2025 (ha)	368 374	307 690	134 431	244 369	477 966	10 030	86 891	40 959
Implementation rate as of June 30, 2025 (%)	61,4	57,4	53,8	69,1	71,1	47,4	38,7	37



Compared area sown: 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 season.

Areas sown in May were low in all countries compared to the season forecast, with rates ranging from 0.2 percent in Senegal to 6.7 percent in Benin.

With reference to the May planting of the previous season (2024/2025), there was a decrease in the area sown in Côte d'Ivoire (-3,842 Ha) and Togo (-490 Ha). On the other hand, an increase in areas was recorded in Benin (+12,145 ha), Burkina Faso (+922 ha), Cameroon (+1,419 ha), Mali (+7,791 ha), Senegal (+103) and Chad (+1240 ha).

As of June 30, 2025, a low to medium area setting rate was recorded, ranging from 37% in Togo to 71.1% in Mali.

Taking into account the stratification of emergence, the probability of not reaching the sown area in the

countries is fairly high in the event of rainfall irregularities. In addition, a high rate of late sowings is expected in these countries.

Compared to the 2024/2025 season, this season, on the same date of June 30, saw a decrease in the area planted in Benin (-79,327 Ha), Cameroon (-75,330 Ha), Côte d'Ivoire (-66,976 Ha), Mali (-22,599 Ha) and Chad (-38,600 Ha). On the other hand, an increase was recorded in Burkina Faso (+29,302 ha), Senegal (+6,471 ha) and Togo (+129 ha).

NB: the final situation of the area sown will not be known until the end of July 2025. Sowing continues in all countries in July according to 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							

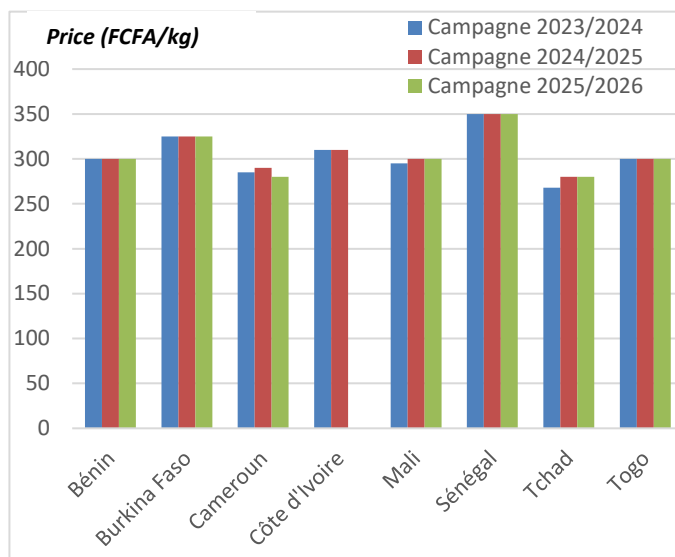
PURCHASE PRICE FOR SEED COTTON, 2025/2026 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
1st choice (FCFA/kg)	300	325	280	Not yet fixed	300	350	280	300
2nd choice (FCFA/kg)	250	300	270		275	310	194	280
3rd choice (FCFA/kg)			255			245	92	

Seed cotton purchase prices for the 2025/2026 season have been set for all countries except Côte d'Ivoire. There is a variation in these prices from one country to another, ranging from 280 FCFA/Kg in Chad and Cameroon, to 350 FCFA/Kg in Senegal for the 1st choice.

Compared to the prices of the previous season (2024/2025), the purchase prices per kg of seed cotton for this season are maintained in all countries, except Cameroon where a decrease of 10 CFA francs was recorded.

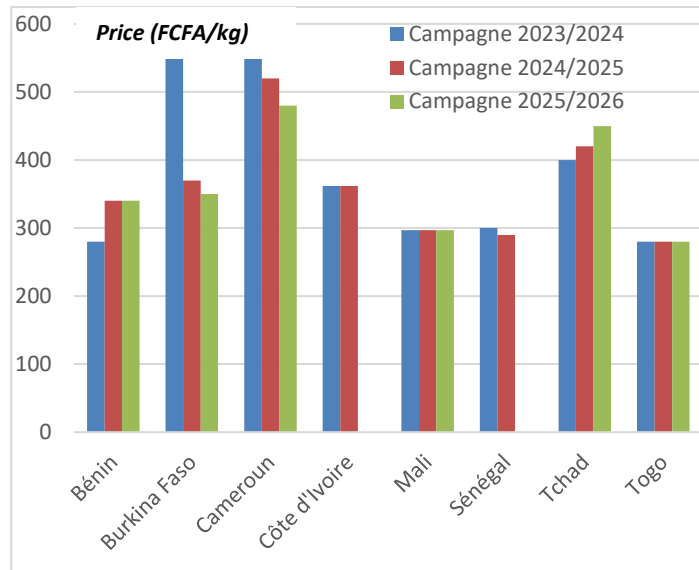
In general, the purchase prices of seed cotton have been quite attractive over the last three seasons. It is hoped, despite the rainfall difficulties, that these incentive prices will generate a craze for cotton production among producers this season.



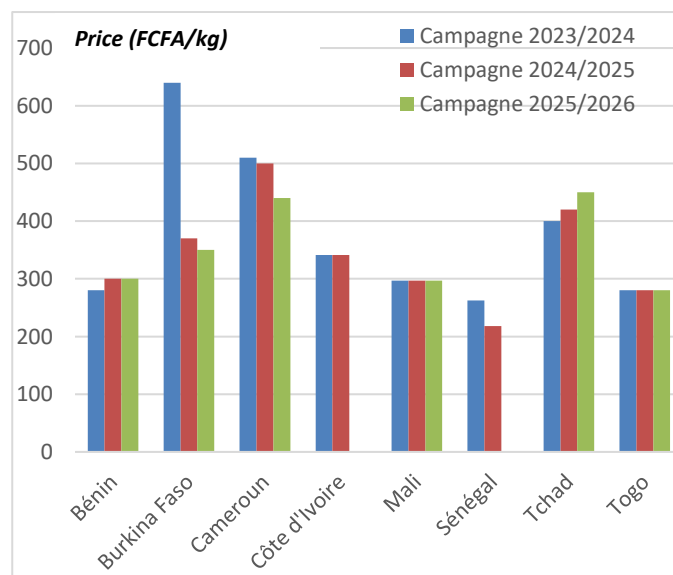
Purchase price seed cotton (FCFA/Kg), 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 seasons

FERTILIZER TRANSFER PRICE, 2025/2026 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroon	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
NPKSB (FCFA/kg)	340	350	480	Not yet fixed	296,8	Pas encore fixé	450	280
UREE (FCFA/kg)	300	350	440		296,8		450	280



NPKSB transfer price (FCFA/Kg): 2023/2024, 2024/2025 et 2025/2026 cotton seasons



Urea transfer price (FCFA/Kg): 2023/2024, 2024/2025 et 2025/2026 cotton seasons

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroon	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
NPKSB 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	Complex

For this 2025/2026 season, the transfer prices of NPKSB fertilizers and Urea are known in all countries, except Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal. Prices vary from one country to another, ranging from 280 FCFA/Kg in Togo (NPKSB and Urea) to 480 FCFA/Kg in Cameroon (for NPKSB) and 450 FCFA/Kg in Chad (for Urea). Benin, in addition to NPKSB, uses Super Simple Phosphate (SSP) fertilizer.

Compared to the prices of the previous season (2024/2025), it is noted for both NPKSB and Urea, that Benin, Mali and Togo have remained unchanged, and that Chad (+30 CFA francs) have increased. On the other hand, a decrease in prices is recorded in Burkina Faso (-20 FCFA for NPKSB and Urea) and in Cameroon

(-40 FCFA for NPKSB and -60 FCFA for Urea).

Faced with the high cost of fertilizers on the international market, the level of subsidies granted by States to actors in the cotton sector has been decisive in setting the prices of inputs and seed cotton in each country.

The NPKSB fertilizer formulations used in each country are almost the same as those of the previous season.

Faced with the acidity of the soils, Burkina Faso, Mali and Senegal have been using the calcium-enriched fertilizer, **14-18-18+5S+1B+2.5CaO**, recommended by the PR-PICA, for several years.

COTTON VARIETIES GROWN, 2025/2026 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
VARIETY	- ANG 956 - OKP 768 - KET 782	- FK 64 - FK 37	- IRMA Q302 - IRMA A2188 - IRMA D2139 - IRMA Z2347	- CI-123 - CI-128 - GOUASSOU FUS - Y 331 BLT - IRMA Q302	- NTA MS 334 - NTA 93-15 - G440 - STAM 279-A	- STAM 129 A - ISCOGP(G440)	- A51 - STAMF	- STAM 190 - STAM 129 A

The varieties of cotton crops grown for this 2025/2026 season differ from one country to another, except for STAM which is found in Mali, Senegal, Chad and Togo. In most countries, the varieties grown have been almost the same for several seasons. However, since the 2024/2025 season, the introduction of the variety in Côte d'Ivoire

has been noted IRMA Q302 as well as the return of the Y 331 BLT variety. In Senegal, the ISCOGP variety (G440) has also been making a comeback for a few seasons.

As part of PR-PICA activities of the, the breeding program continues, in order to make more resilient cotton varieties available to countries.

DEFINITIVE SEED COTTON PRODUCTION, 2024/2025 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
Areas (ha)	535 579	346 778	229 029	357 267	623 042	12 320	136 357	75 792
Production (Kg/Ha)	637 697	292 660	284 613	311 647	656 751	15 514	57 774	60 408
Yield (Kg/Ha)	1 191	844	1243	872	1054	1259	424	797
Evolution of the production compared to the previous season (%)	6,4	-24,4	-27,8	-21,0	-4,8	+19,4	-48,1	-10,7
Evolution of yield compared to the previous season (%)	+1	+1	-24	-13	+8	+50	-26	-6