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2026/2027 COTTON SEASON IN PR-PICA COUNTRIES **Satisfactory installation for some and difficult for others**

Dear PR-PICA Members and Partners,

2025/2026 cotton season, which is now drawing to a close, was characterised by fairly varied rainfall patterns in most countries, with a late start in some areas. Seed cotton production nevertheless increased in the majority of countries compared with the 2024/2025 season, with the exception of Benin, Cameroon and Mali, which faced specific difficulties during the season. As for seed cotton yields in these countries, they are above 1,000 kg/ha, except in Burkina Faso, Mali and Chad.

2026/2027 cotton season has already begun in all countries, with the first sowings taking place in May. It continues to be characterised by high fertiliser prices on the international market. We note with satisfaction, however, that governments have made efforts to provide support in most countries, this enables these fertilisers to be supplied and seed cotton to be purchased at reasonable prices.

This newsletter provides an update on the progress of this season as at 30 June 2026 in the PR-PICA member countries.

**I hope you find this information useful and
wish you an excellent 2026/2027 cotton
season.**



Chairman
Tete AWOKOU

RAINFALL DATA, 2026/2027 SEASON

May 2026 rainfall

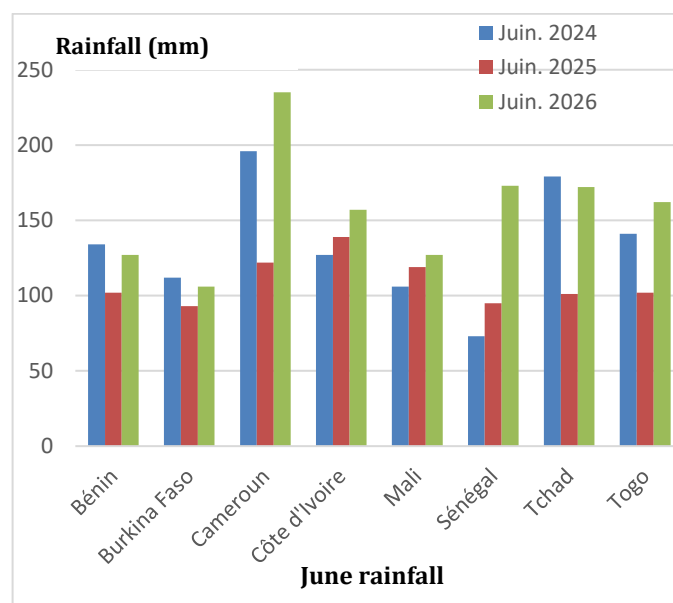
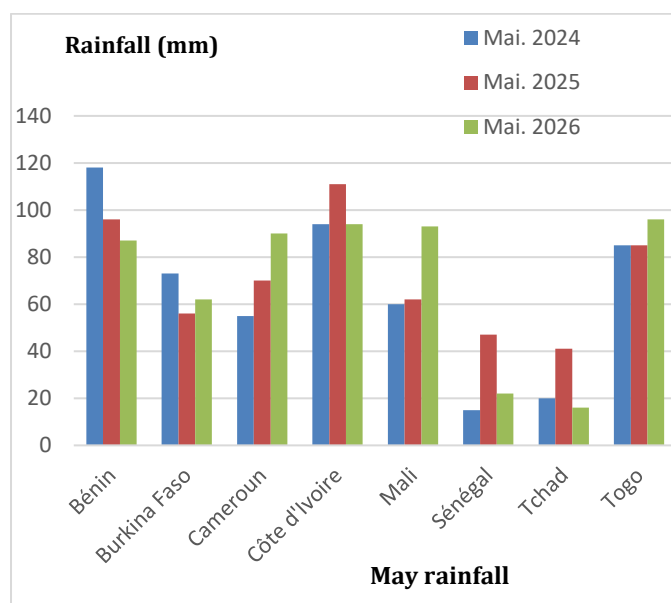
Agro-ecological zones	Dekad	Bénin		Burkina Faso		Cameroun		Côte d'Ivoire		Mali		Sénégal		Tchad		Togo	
		nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)	nber days	height (mm)
Dry zone/ North	Dekad 1	3	10	1	6	1	2	1	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	36
	Dekad 2	4	20	1	6	1	30	2	65	1	11	0	0	1	5	2	26
	Dekad 3	6	75	2	43	3	48	1	30	2	37	1	8	2	29	3	56
	Total	13	104	4	55	5	80	4	101	4	51	1	8	3	34	7	118
Median zone/ Center	Dekad 1	3	7			0	0	2	30	2	26	0	0	0	0	1	16
	Dekad 2	2	14			2	17	2	16	3	21	0	0	1	3	2	27
	Dekad 3	5	64			6	108	4	39	2	77	1	22	1	6	1	18
	Total	10	85			8	125	8	85	7	124	1	22	2	8	4	61
Humid zone South	Dekad 1	1	3	1	11	1	6	0	0	1	30	0	3	0	0	1	10
	Dekad 2	2	16	2	30	4	22	1	12	3	40	0	0	1	6	2	55
	Dekad 3	7	53	2	29	4	37	3	84	4	34	3	33	0	0	3	44
	Total	10	72	5	70	9	65	4	96	8	104	3	36	1	6	6	110
AVERAGE MAY 2026		11	87	5	62	7	90	5	94	6	93	2	22	2	16	6	96
RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION		XX		X		X		XX		XX		X		X		XX	

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

June 2026 rainfall

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	4	76	2	35	2	24	2	24	1	11	2	33	3	83,6	4	61
	Dekad 2	5	51	2	56	2	64	4	83	1	20	4	107	2	33,1	3	49
	Dekad 3	3	22	1	14	4	33	2	49	2	24	1	45	3	76,0	3	30
	Total	12	149	5	105	8	121	8	156	4	55	7	186	9	192,7	10	140
Median zone/ Center	Dekad 1	4	62			3	164	2	18	1	31	2	48	3	62,3	4	92
	Dekad 2	5	31			5	33	4	48	2	17	3	39	3	65,6	4	60
	Dekad 3	3	18			4	45	3	27	2	20	3	73	2	48,9	3	45
	Total	12	111				242	9	93	5	68	7	159	8	176,8	11	197
Humid zone South	Dekad 1	5	78	2	25	4	87	2	27	2	42	2	54	2	60,1	4	96
	Dekad 2	3	24	3	46	4	171	2	140	5	122	5	62	3	53,1	2	27
	Dekad 3	4	20	3	35	4	84	3	55	5	94	4	59	2	34,6	2	26
	Total	12	122	8	107	12	342	7	222	12	258	11	174	7	147,8	7	149
AVERAGE JUNE 2026		12	127	6	106	7	235	8	157	7	127	8	173	8	172	9	162
RAINFALL DISTRIBUTION		XX		XX		XX		XXX		XX		XX		XX		XX	

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May and June 2026 rainfall, compared to the last two seasons

Rainfall levels recorded in these countries in May 2026 were generally low, with figures below 100 mm. The third ten-day period saw the onset of the rainy season in most countries, enabling the first sowings to take place.

Rainfall distribution ranged from poor to average depending on the country, varying from 2 days in Senegal and Chad to 11 days in Benin.

Compared with rainfall in May of the previous season (2025/2026), rainfall recorded this year for the same month has increased in Burkina Faso (+6 mm), Cameroon (+20 mm), Mali (+31 mm) and Togo (+11 mm). Conversely, a decrease has been recorded in Benin (-9 mm), Côte d'Ivoire (-17 mm), Senegal (-25 mm) and Chad (-25 mm).

As for June 2026, rainfall levels were average to good, ranging from 106 mm in Burkina Faso to 235 mm in Cameroon.

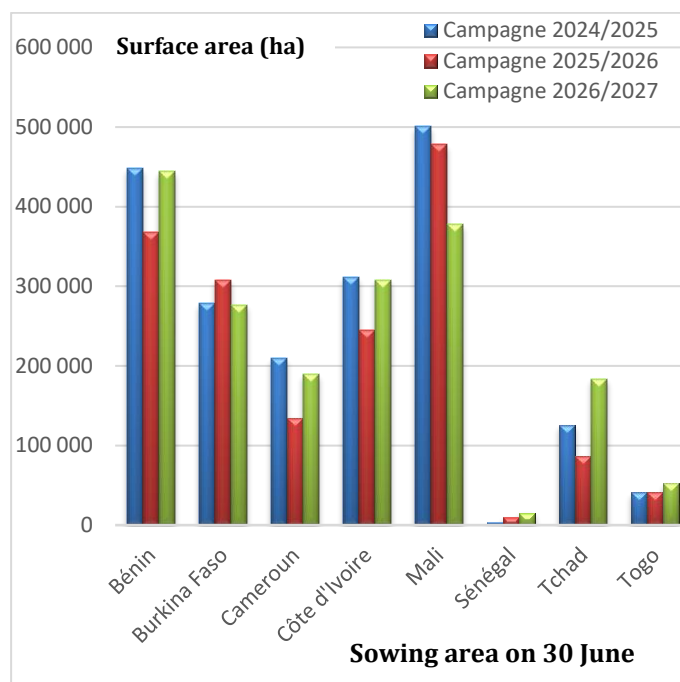
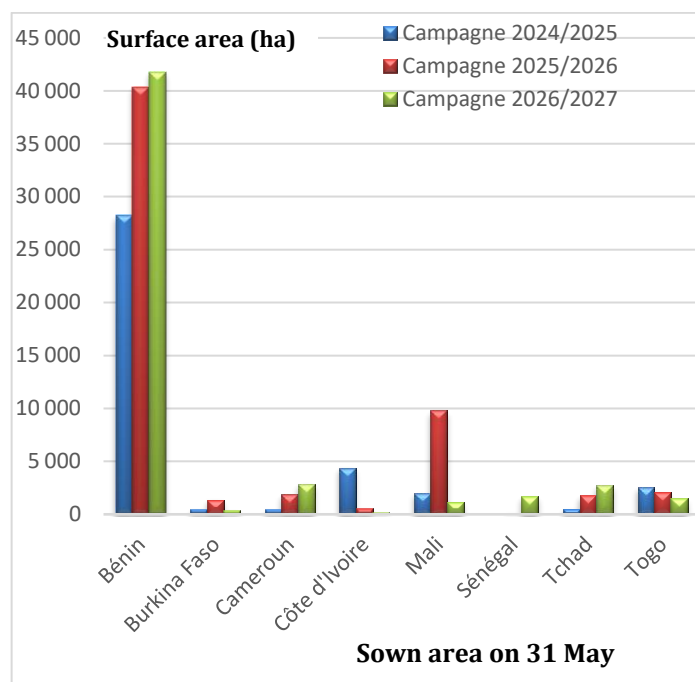
The distribution of rainfall was average to good, ranging from 6 to 12 days depending on the country.

Compared with rainfall in June of the previous growing season, an increase in rainfall was noted for June 2026 across all countries (ranging from +8 mm in Mali to +113 mm in Cameroon).

Overall, rainfall in June varied considerably from country to country, which will have either a negative or positive impact on the sowing rate depending on the country.

AREA SOWN, 2026/2027 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
FORECAST 2026/2027 SEASON (ha)	600 000	456 717	208 647	351 000	630 000	30 000	212 908	105 000
TOTAL area sown as of May 31, 2026 (ha)	41 785	352	2 887	178	1 155	1 657	2 752	1 497
Implementation rate as of May 31, 2026 (%)	7	0,1	1,4	0,1	0,2	5,5	1,3	1,4
TOTAL area sown as of June 30, 2026 (ha)	444 448	276 214	189 685	307 716	377 842	15 317	183 639	52 667
Implementation rate as of June 30, 2026 (%)	74,1	60,5	90,9	87,7	60,0	51,1	86,3	50,2



Compared area sown: 2024/2025, 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 seasons

In May, the areas sown were low across all countries compared with the forecasts for the marketing year, with rates ranging from 0.1% in Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire to 7% in Benin.

Compared with May sowings in the 2025/2026 season, there was a decrease in the area sown in Burkina Faso (-1,022 ha), Côte d'Ivoire (-381 ha), Mali (-8,651 ha) and Togo (-551 ha). By contrast, an increase in area was recorded in Benin (+1,403 ha), Cameroon (+1,004 ha), Senegal (+1,555 ha) and Chad (+983 ha).

As at 30 June 2026, the average sowing rate was recorded as 'good'. Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Chad are the countries with a sowing rate exceeding 85%.

Compared with the 2025/2026 marketing year, this

marketing year, as at the same date of 30 June, an increase in sown areas was recorded in Benin (+76,074 ha), Cameroon (+55,254 ha), Côte d'Ivoire (+63,347 ha), Senegal (+5,287 ha), Chad (+96,748 ha) and Togo (+11,708 ha). By contrast, a decrease was recorded in Burkina Faso (-31,476 ha) and Mali (-100,124 ha).

Taking into account the phased nature of the sowing season, the likelihood of failing to meet sowing targets in several countries is quite high in the event of irregular rainfall during the first ten days of July.

NB: The final sowing situation will not be known until the end of July 2026.

Sowing is continuing in all countries during July in accordance with the timetable below.

Seedling stratification	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroon	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, 2026/2027 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Mali	Sénégal	Côte d'Ivoire	Tchad	Togo
1st choice (FCFA/kg)	300	310	280	300	350	Not yet fixed	Not yet fixed	Not yet fixed
2nd choice (FCFA/kg)	250	285	270	275	310			
Price evolution (first choice) compared with the previous season (FCFA)	0	-15	0	0	0			

FERTILIZER TRANSFER PRICE, 2026/2027 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Sénégal	Mali	Côte d'Ivoire	Tchad	Togo
NPKSB (FCFA/kg)	340	350	520	290	Not yet fixed	Not yet fixed	Not yet fixed	Not yet fixed
NPKSB price evolution compared with the previous season (FCFA)	0	0	+40	0				
UREE (FCFA/kg)	300	350	500	218				
Urea price evolution compared with the previous season (FCFA)	0	0	+60	0				

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
NPKSB Formula	14-18-18-6-1	14-18-18-6-1	15-20-15-5-1 22-10-15-5-1	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 14-18-18-6-1 15-15-15-6-1
	Bulk and Complex	Bulk and Complex	Bulk	Bulk and Complex	Bulk and Complex	Complex	Complex	Bulk and Complex

The selling prices of NPKSB fertiliser and urea are known in the PR-PICA member countries for the 2026/2027 marketing year, with the exception of Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Chad and Togo. The prices of NPKSB and urea vary from one country to another, ranging from 290 and 218 FCFA/kg in Senegal to 520 and 500 FCFA/kg in Cameroon, respectively.

Compared with prices in the previous season, prices have remained stable in Benin, Burkina Faso and Senegal for both NPKSB and urea. However, an increase has been observed in Cameroon (+40 F for NPK and +60 F for urea).

Fertiliser prices on the international market remain high. Government support for stakeholders in the cotton sector in certain countries has played a significant role in determining the prices of inputs and seed cotton for producers.

The NPKSB fertiliser formulations used are virtually the same as those in previous seasons, 2025/2026. However, in Togo, two new formulas have been observed, in addition to the old one. In addition to NPKSB, it is noted that Super Simple Phosphate (SSP) and potassium chloride (KCl) are used in Benin, and zinc sulphate in Senegal.

VARIETES DE COTONNIERS CULTIVEES, CAMPAGNE 2026/2027

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
VARIETY	- ANG 956 - OKP 768 - KET 782	- FK 64 - FK 74	- IRMA Q302 - IRMA A2288 - IRMA D2139 - IRMA Z2347	- CI-123-22 - CI-128-22 - Y 331-22 BLT - IRMA Q302	- NTA MS 334 - NTA 93-15 - G440 - STAM 279-A	- STAM 129 A - ISCO PG(G440)	- A51 - STAMF	STAM 190

For the 2026/2027 growing season, the cotton varieties grown vary from one country to another, with the exception of STAM, which is grown in Mali, Senegal, Chad and Togo. In most countries, the varieties grown have remained virtually the same for several growing seasons.

As a reminder, as part of the PR-PICA's activities, the

breeding programme is continuing, with the aim of providing countries with more resilient cotton varieties.

Of the 253 crosses initially generated, 59 F4 crosses were selected to produce 372 high-performing lines identified during the 2025/2026 season.

DEFINITIVE SEED COTTON PRODUCTION, 2025/2026 SEASON

	Bénin	Burkina Faso	Cameroun	Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sénégal	Tchad	Togo
Areas (ha)	510 897	391 401	197 741	290 208	533 779	20 384	138 043	74 211
Production (Kg/Ha)	533 590	313 042	250 722	310 407	397 540	25 166	75 268	78 706
Yield (Kg/Ha)	1 044	799,8	1 268	1 069	745	1 235	545	1 061
Evolution of the production compared to the previous season (%)	-16,3	+7	-11,9	-0,4	-39,5	+62,2	+30,3	+30,3
Evolution of yield compared to the previous season (%)	-12	-5	+2	+23	-29	-2	+29	+33

2025/2026 cotton season, which has now ended, was difficult across all countries except Senegal.

Compared with the previous season, a significant decline in seed cotton production was recorded in Benin (-16.3 %) in Cameroon (-11.9 %) and in Mali (-39.5 %).

Irregular rainfall patterns were the main cause of this fall in production. Furthermore, in Mali, the negative impact of jassids on production was also noted.

By contrast, a considerable increase in production was recorded in Senegal (+62.5 %), Chad (+30.3%) and Togo (+30.3%).

As for seed cotton yields, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal and Togo all recorded yields above 1,000 kg/ha.

Compared with the previous season, a significant increase in yields was noted in Côte d'Ivoire (+23 %), Chad (+29 %) and Togo (+33 %).