

# Mozambique cotton recovering

COTTON production in Mozambique is recovering, and the 1990 cotton harvest was the best since 1984, according to Narciso Rodrigues, a director in the State Secretariat for Cotton, cited in Noticias in Maputo.

But Mozambique is still a long way from self-sufficiency in cotton. The nation's textile industries require about 67 000 tonnes of cotton fibre a year, according to Noticias. The war waged by Renamo bandits has had a negative effect on the agriculture production, including cotton. Lack of security has frequently forced peasant families to migrate, abandoning fields that have already been prepared or even sown. — Ziana-AIM.

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