

## west africa

the cfa-franc-zone is one of the largest exporters of cotton worldwide, in quantity similar to india, australia and brasil, just outperformed by the largest exporter usa.  
the crops are 100% handpicked and saw ginned in gins of us american brands.  
cotton is elaborately financed before it is planted with 100% dressed seeds and treated with fertilizers.

### production in 1.000 tons

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
<b>burkina faso</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>305</b>
<b>mali</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>298</b>
<b>benin</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>185</b>
<b>ivory coast</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>cameroon</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>togo</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>chad</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>senegal</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>cfa-franc-zone</b>	<b>1.105</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1.099</b>	<b>1.128</b>	<b>1.140</b>

### quality

very bright and creamy (high +b reading)  
good middling - strict middling - middling  
crop staple average 1.1/8“, micronaire 3.5-4.7, strength 28 gpt min.



### things to know

otto stadlander is a strategic partner of the CmiA initiative.  
cotton made in africa is an initiative of the aid by trade oundation that helps smallholder cotton farmers in africa to improve their living and working conditions.

the currency cfa-franc is traded at a fixed exchange rate versus the Euro (655,957 cfa franc per 1 Euro)