



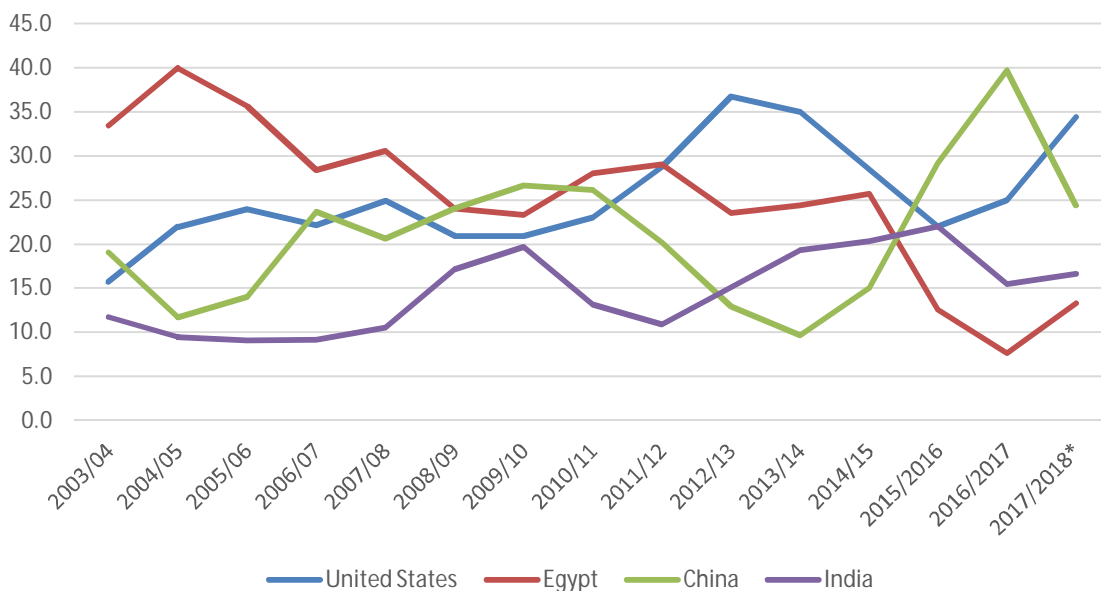
Egypt's implementation of a strategic plan for Egyptian cotton production revival

The Egyptian government has initiated a major plan to revive the Egyptian cotton production that reached last year 2016/2017 its lowest ever. The current season 2017/2018 production of Egyptian cotton has increased dramatically to reach 62K Tons from 38K Tons last season.

The Egyptian cotton production has deteriorated from its peak of 188K Tons in 2011, which was mainly contributed to lower interest from Egyptian cotton farmers due to low prices offered, which has been largely changed after the devaluation of the Egyptian Pound versus the USD last November.

The Egyptian government strategic plan aims to increase Egyptian cotton production to reach 220K Tons within the next five years, which will be expected to increase the Egyptian cotton share in the long and extra-long staple cotton world production from the current 13.3% to 45%. The US Pima cotton is leading the world production of Long and extra-long production with 34.4%.

Comparison in % of the largest producers of long and extra-long cotton worldwide in the period 2003/2004 to 2017/2018



*November 2017