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FARMERS at the Tana Irrigation Scheme Near Hola will earn about Shs. 7 million from the sale of 1.6 kgs of the last season cotton crop.

Speaking to KNA, the Hola Irrigation Farmers Co-Operative Society secretary/manager, Mr. Ramathan Jilo Omar, said the society had already purchased 1.4 million kg of gin cotton from farmers.

Out of that, 1.3 million kgms had been delivered to the Hola cotton Ginnery for ginning.

Mr. Omar said farmers at the scheme could not meet the initial two million kgs target because land preparation was delayed forcing farmers to use only a small portion of their plots.

Mr. Omar however, said harvest of the cotton crop for this season were better than that of the previous years.

He attributed this to continued supply of irrigation water and proper pest control and scouting. The secretary/manager appealed to the National Irrigation Board management in Hola to ensure farming fields were prepared early so that farmers could meet their target.