



Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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Highlights

October 2021 contained 31 days.

November 2021 contained 30 days.

Extra long staple cotton consumed on the cotton system was 544,000 pounds in November 2021, down 24 percent from October 2021 and down 20 percent from November 2020. November 2021 stocks on hand on the last Saturday of the month totaled 2.08 million pounds, down 1 percent from October 2021 but up 87 percent from November 2020.

Total Manmade fiber consumed on the cotton system was 32.1 million pounds during November 2021, down 10 percent from October 2021 but up 9 percent from November 2020. Of the total manmade fiber consumed, 93 percent was polyester staple.

Total number of spindles on the cotton system was 1.07 million during November 2021. Active spindles consuming 100 percent cotton was 609,000 in November 2021, down less than 1 percent from October 2021 but up 2 percent from November 2020.

Consumption and Stocks – United States: November 2021 with Comparisons

| Item | November 2020 | October 2021 | November 2021 |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Extra long staple | | | |
| Consumed | | | |
| Running bales | 1,379 | 1,457 | 1,112 |
| Weight | 681 | 716 | 544 |
| Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) | | | |
| Running bales | 2,280 | 4,240 | 4,211 |
| Weight | 1,115 | 2,097 | 2,083 |
| Rayon and acetate staple | | | |
| Consumed | 545 | 877 | 837 |
| Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) | 951 | 2,626 | (D) |
| Polyester staple | | | |
| Consumed | 27,999 | 33,543 | 29,888 |
| Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) | 22,016 | 23,829 | 25,285 |
| Other manmade fiber staple | | | |
| Consumed | 791 | 1,195 | 1,359 |
| Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) | 1,575 | 1,703 | 1,844 |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Spindles in Place, Active Spindles and Spindle Hours Operated – United States: November 2021 with Comparisons

| Item | November 2020 | October 2021 | November 2021 |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Cotton-system spindles in place | | | |
| Ring spindles | 826 | 773 | 773 |
| Airjet spindles | 26 | 24 | 24 |
| Open-end spindles | 283 | 272 | 272 |
| Cotton-system spindles active | | | |
| Spindles consuming 100% cotton | 599 | 611 | 609 |
| million hours | 423 | 423 | 428 |
| Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber | 21 | 35 | 33 |
| million hours | 10 | 18 | 15 |
| Spindles consuming mixtures or blends | 395 | 357 | 362 |
| million hours | 235 | 232 | 225 |

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: *Cotton System Consumption and Stocks* is part of the Current Agricultural Industrial Reports (CAIR) program. CAIR reports are administered under NASS's Census of Agriculture program. Response to CAIR surveys are required by law (Title 7, U.S. Code). Data are collected from all known mills that consume cotton.

The census universe was determined during operation profile interviews which were completed for each potential facility to identify the presence of cotton consumption and spindle activity in 2014.

In the Cotton and Manmade Fiber Staple survey questionnaires, mills are asked for previous calendar month data on cotton and manmade fiber consumed, stocks and spindle activity. Mills are mailed questionnaires with the options of completing the survey by mail or by Electronic Data Reporting (EDR). For surveys not received in a reasonable amount of time, telephone follow-up is conducted.

Estimating Procedures: Imputation is done for operations with non-response by using historical data and current data relationships. Data for reporting firms are added to estimates for non-reporting firms to obtain National totals.

Revision Policy: Data are revised the following month based on late reports or corrected data. Final figures are published in the annual summary of the following year.

Reliability: Approximately 50 reports are received each month which represent about 95 percent of total spindles. Monthly data can vary due to different firms reporting month to month. Survey data are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and in processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized by carefully reviewing all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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