



Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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Highlights

January 2017 contained 31 days.

February 2017 contained 28 days.

Extra long staple cotton consumed on the cotton system was 1.31 million pounds in February 2017, down 1 percent from January 2017 but up 2 percent from February 2016. February 2017 stocks on hand on the last Saturday of the month totaled 1.10 million pounds down 11 percent from January 2017 and down 23 percent from February 2016.

Total Manmade fiber consumed on the cotton system was 30.7 million pounds during February 2017, down 5 percent from January 2017 and down 2 percent from February 2016. Of the total manmade fiber consumed, 92 percent was polyester staple.

Total number of spindles on the cotton system was 1.32 million during February 2017. Active spindles consuming 100 percent cotton was 748 thousand in February 2017, unchanged from January 2017 but up 15 percent from February 2016.

Consumption and Stocks – United States: February 2017 with Comparisons

Item	February 2016	January 2017	February 2017
Extra long staple			
Consumed			
Running bales	2,510	2,604	2,595
Weight	1,293	1,325	1,313
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)			
Running bales	2,917	2,469	2,196
Weight	1,429	1,232	1,102
Rayon and acetate staple			
Consumed	887	1,815	910
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)	(D)	2,306	1,635
Polyester staple			
Consumed	28,948	27,936	28,279
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)	30,483	23,250	20,084
Other manmade fiber staple			
Consumed	1,655	2,635	1,545
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)	2,461	3,049	2,129

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

Spindles in Place, Active Spindles and Spindle Hours Operated – United States: February 2017 with Comparisons

Item	February 2016	January 2017	February 2017
Cotton-system spindles in place			
Ring spindles	814	947	949
Airjet spindles	30	33	33
Open-end spindles	357	336	336
Cotton-system spindles active			
Spindles consuming 100% cotton	653	748	748
..... million hours	425	531	477
Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber	27	31	26
..... million hours	14	12	12
Spindles consuming mixtures or blends	481	518	535
..... million hours	309	370	329

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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