



Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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Highlights

March 2020 contained 31 days.

April 2020 contained 30 days.

Extra long staple cotton stocks on hand on the last Saturday of the month totaled 853,000 pounds, up 7 percent from March 2020 but down 44 percent from April 2019.

Total number of spindles on the cotton system was 1.23 million during April 2020. Active spindles consuming 100 percent cotton was 209,000 in April 2020, down 69 percent from March 2020 and down 68 percent from April 2019.

Consumption and Stocks – United States: April 2020 with Comparisons

Item	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020
Extra long staple			
Consumed			
Running balesnumber	1,952	1,484	(D)
Weight1,000 pounds	970	729	(D)
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)			
Running balesnumber	3,039	1,604	1,716
Weight1,000 pounds	1,526	794	853
Rayon and acetate staple			
Consumed1,000 pounds	619	578	(D)
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)1,000 pounds	2,343	600	754
Polyester staple			
Consumed1,000 pounds	34,018	25,830	4,699
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)1,000 pounds	29,939	28,323	28,444
Other manmade fiber staple			
Consumed1,000 pounds	1,749	1,353	1,174
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)1,000 pounds	2,546	2,193	2,326

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

Spindles in Place, Active Spindles and Spindle Hours Operated – United States: April 2020 with Comparisons

Item	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020
Cotton-system spindles in place			
Ring spindles1,000	952	917	917
Airjet spindles1,000	35	26	26
Open-end spindles1,000	312	290	290
Cotton-system spindles active			
Spindles consuming 100% cotton1,000	663	669	209
million hours	493	357	(D)
Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber1,000	39	33	25
million hours	20	18	11
Spindles consuming mixtures or blends1,000	526	451	248
million hours	359	232	93

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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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