



Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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Special Note

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http://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide_to_NASS_Surveys/Current_Agricultural_Industrial_Reports/index.asp.

Stocks held in public storage and compresses, previously summarized under the CIR program, can be obtained under the Farm Service Agency Bales Made Available for Shipment (BMAS) program:

www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/weekly_bmas_summary_report.xls

Monthly upland cotton consumption and stocks figures, previously summarized under the CIR program, can be obtained under the FSA Economic Adjustment Assistance Program report:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/cotton_consumption_report.pdf

Highlights

April 2015 contained 30 days.

May 2015 contained 31 days.

June 2015 contained 30 days.

Extra long staple cotton consumed on the cotton system was 614 thousand pounds in June 2015, down 29 percent from May 2015 and down 38 percent from April 2015. June stocks on hand on the last Saturday of the month totaled 2.4 million pounds up 38 percent from May and up 28 percent from April.

Total Manmade fiber consumed on the cotton system was 35.0 million pounds during June 2015, down 6 percent from May 2015 and down 1 percent from April 2015. Of the total manmade fiber consumed, 90 percent was polyester staple.

Total number of spindles on the cotton system was 1.13 million during June 2015. Active spindles consuming 100 percent cotton was 592 thousand in June 2015, down 2 percent from May 2015 and down 2 percent from April 2015.

Consumption and Stocks – United States: April 2015 - June 2015

Item	April 2015	May 2015	June 2015
Extra long staple			
Consumed			
Running bales number	2,001	1,711	1,230
Weight 1,000 pounds	998	859	614
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)			
Running bales number	3,796	3,546	4,909
Weight 1,000 pounds	1,901	1,774	2,440
Rayon and acetate staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	1,040	972	373
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	553	(D)	852
Polyester staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	30,255	33,331	31,392
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	20,929	19,854	24,290
Other manmade fiber staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	3,986	2,731	3,205
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	3,853	4,444	4,652

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

Spindles in Place, Active Spindles and Spindle Hours Operated – United States: April 2015 - June 2015

Item	April 2015	May 2015	June 2015
Cotton-system spindles in place			
Ring spindles 1,000	734	735	736
Airjet spindles 1,000	30	30	30
Open-end spindles 1,000	337	350	363
Cotton-system spindles active			
Spindles consuming 100% cotton 1,000	605	606	592
million hours	466	411	405
Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber 1,000	28	28	30
million hours	19	18	18
Spindles consuming mixtures or blends 1,000	457	462	467
million hours	336	314	312

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. The first annual summary will be published in March of 2016.

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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