



Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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Highlights

September 2025 contained 30 days.

October 2025 contained 31 days.

Extra long staple cotton consumed on the cotton system was 55,000 pounds in October 2025, down 55 percent from September 2025 and down 38 percent from October 2024. October 2025 stocks on hand on the last Saturday of the month totaled 183,000 pounds, up 25 percent from September 2025 but down 34 percent from October 2024.

Total Manmade fiber consumed on the cotton system was 16.8 million pounds during October 2025, down 8 percent from September 2025 and down 21 percent from October 2024. Of the total manmade fiber consumed, 92 percent was polyester staple.

Total number of spindles on the cotton system was 573,000 during October 2025. Active spindles consuming 100 percent cotton was 287,000 in October 2025, up 3 percent from September 2025 and up 3 percent from October 2024.

Consumption and Stocks – United States: October 2025 with Comparisons

Item	October 2024	September 2025	October 2025
Extra long staple			
Consumed			
Running bales number	178	240	108
Weight 1,000 pounds	89	123	55
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)			
Running bales number	552	293	368
Weight 1,000 pounds	276	146	183
Rayon and acetate staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	577	448	583
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	3,999	3,759	(D)
Polyester staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	19,508	16,809	15,400
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	27,379	16,398	15,953
Other manmade fiber staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	1,203	1,040	797
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	1,854	1,799	1,289

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

Spindles in Place, Active Spindles and Spindle Hours Operated – United States: October 2025 with Comparisons

Item	October 2024	September 2025	October 2025
Cotton-system spindles in place			
Ring spindles 1,000	520	379	379
Airjet spindles 1,000	20	20	20
Open-end spindles 1,000	190	174	174
Cotton-system spindles active			
Spindles consuming 100% cotton 1,000	278	278	287
..... million hours	201	187	208
Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber 1,000	14	18	12
..... million hours	5	7	7
Spindles consuming mixtures or blends 1,000	223	213	207
..... million hours	126	86	108

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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