



Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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Highlights

October 2025 contained 31 days.

November 2025 contained 30 days.

Extra long staple cotton consumed on the cotton system was 104,000 pounds in November 2025, up 89 percent from October 2025 and up 7 percent from November 2024.

Total Manmade fiber consumed on the cotton system was 16.4 million pounds during November 2025, down 2 percent from October 2025 and down 13 percent from November 2024. Of the total manmade fiber consumed, 92 percent was polyester staple.

Total number of spindles on the cotton system was 573,000 during November 2025. Active spindles consuming 100 percent cotton was 294,000 in November 2025, up 2 percent from October 2025 and up 3 percent from November 2024.

Consumption and Stocks – United States: November 2025 with Comparisons

Item	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025
Extra long staple			
Consumed			
Running bales number	194	108	204
Weight 1,000 pounds	97	55	104
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)			
Running bales number	360	368	(D)
Weight 1,000 pounds	180	183	(D)
Rayon and acetate staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	454	583	507
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	4,090	(D)	3,742
Polyester staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	17,832	15,400	15,133
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	27,964	15,953	12,182
Other manmade fiber staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	590	797	789
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	2,196	1,289	1,465

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

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

Item	November 2024	October 2025	November 2025
Cotton-system spindles in place			
Ring spindles 1,000	379	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	286	287	294
million hours	193	208	(D)
Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber 1,000	22	12	16
million hours	11	7	9
Spindles consuming mixtures or blends 1,000	218	207	202
million hours	111	108	88

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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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