



Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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Highlights

November 2025 contained 30 days.

December 2025 contained 31 days.

Extra long staple cotton consumed on the cotton system was 32,000 pounds in December 2025, down 69 percent from November 2025 and down 70 percent from December 2024.

Total Manmade fiber consumed on the cotton system was 16.8 million pounds during December 2025, up 2 percent from November 2025 and up 21 percent from December 2024. Of the total manmade fiber consumed, 93 percent was polyester staple.

Total number of spindles on the cotton system was 573,000 during December 2025. Active spindles consuming 100 percent cotton was 278,000 in December 2025, down 5 percent from November 2025 and down 6 percent from December 2024.

Consumption and Stocks – United States: December 2025 with Comparisons

Item	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025
Extra long staple			
Consumed			
Running bales number	216	204	65
Weight 1,000 pounds	108	104	32
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)			
Running bales number	990	(D)	(D)
Weight 1,000 pounds	495	(D)	(D)
Rayon and acetate staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	350	507	289
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	4,247	3,742	3,683
Polyester staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	12,988	15,133	15,661
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	21,367	12,182	12,297
Other manmade fiber staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	563	789	835
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	2,445	1,465	1,422

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

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

Item	December 2024	November 2025	December 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	295	294	278
..... million hours	155	(D)	(D)
Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber 1,000	18	16	16
..... million hours	5	9	6
Spindles consuming mixtures or blends 1,000	214	202	218
..... million hours	83	88	75

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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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