



Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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Highlights

December 2025 contained 31 days.

January 2026 contained 31 days.

Extra long staple cotton consumed on the cotton system was 138,000 pounds in January 2026, up 160 percent from December 2025 and up 7 percent from January 2025.

Total Manmade fiber consumed on the cotton system was 18.4 million pounds during January 2026, up 10 percent from December 2025 but down 3 percent from January 2025. Of the total manmade fiber consumed, 91 percent was polyester staple.

Total number of spindles on the cotton system was 573,000 during January 2026. Active spindles consuming 100 percent cotton was 281,000 in January 2026, up 1 percent from December 2025 but down 3 percent from January 2025.

Consumption and Stocks – United States: January 2026 with Comparisons

Item	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026
Extra long staple			
Consumed			
Running bales	258	106	277
Weight	129	53	138
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)			
Running bales	602	(D)	(D)
Weight	301	(D)	(D)
Rayon and acetate staple			
Consumed	1,418	330	616
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)	4,062	3,745	4,022
Polyester staple			
Consumed	16,934	15,645	16,823
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)	18,553	12,296	12,414
Other manmade fiber staple			
Consumed	757	734	1,002
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)	2,050	1,488	1,822

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

Spindles in Place, Active Spindles and Spindle Hours Operated – United States: January 2026 with Comparisons

Item	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026
Cotton-system spindles in place			
Ring spindles	379	379	379
Airjet spindles	20	20	20
Open-end spindles	190	174	174
Cotton-system spindles active			
Spindles consuming 100% cotton	289	278	281
..... million hours	202	(D)	(D)
Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber	13	12	10
..... million hours	6	4	5
Spindles consuming mixtures or blends	222	217	212
..... million hours	119	75	115

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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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