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2025 Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

As part of the Current Agricultural Industrial Reports (CAIR) program, the 2025 Annual Summary of the Cotton System Consumption and Stocks contains data and annual totals for January through December 2025.

Extra long staple cotton consumed on the cotton system was 1.20 million pounds in 2025, down 74 percent from 2024.

Consumption and Stocks – United States: 2025

Item	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025
Extra long staple							
Consumed							
Running balesnumber	258	256	(D)	(D)	(D)	298	260
Weight 1,000 pounds	129	128	(D)	(D)	(D)	149	130
Stocks on hand ¹							
Running balesnumber	602	386	364	338	602	590	560
Weight 1,000 pounds	301	193	182	169	301	295	280
Rayon and acetate staple							
Consumed 1,000 pounds	1,418	700	720	515	488	503	605
Stocks on hand ¹ 1,000 pounds	4,062	3,844	4,291	4,109	3,899	(D)	3,883
Polyester staple							
Consumed 1,000 pounds	16,934	20,500	22,561	18,605	18,714	21,244	19,018
Stocks on hand ¹ 1,000 pounds	18,553	19,982	15,360	12,922	13,223	13,346	14,479
Other manmade fiber staple							
Consumed 1,000 pounds	757	756	904	804	824	811	659
Stocks on hand ¹ 1,000 pounds	2,050	1,732	1,607	1,395	1,510	1,715	1,920

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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

Item	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025
Cotton-system spindles in place							
Ring spindles 1,000	379	379	379	379	379	379	379
Airjet spindles 1,000	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Open-end spindles 1,000	190	190	182	182	182	182	182
Cotton-system spindles active							
Spindles consuming							
100% cotton 1,000 million hours	289	285	280	282	280	276	275
Spindles consuming	202	187	198	194	196	187	191
100% manmade fiber 1,000 million hours	13	19	19	15	17	22	22
Spindles consuming	6	8	9	6	6	10	11
mixtures or blends 1,000 million hours	222	220	219	218	217	217	219
	119	110	115	111	105	101	102

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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Consumption and Stocks – United States: 2025 (continued)

Item	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	Total 2025
Extra long staple						
Consumed						
Running bales number	198	244	108	206	106	2,391
Weight 1,000 pounds	99	122	54	103	53	1,196
Stocks on hand ¹						
Running bales number	564	294	368	(D)	(D)	(X)
Weight 1,000 pounds	282	147	184	(D)	(D)	(X)
Rayon and acetate staple						
Consumed 1,000 pounds	859	448	583	507	330	7,676
Stocks on hand ¹ 1,000 pounds	(D)	3,759	(D)	3,742	3,745	(X)
Polyester staple						
Consumed 1,000 pounds	18,093	16,809	15,400	15,133	15,645	218,656
Stocks on hand ¹ 1,000 pounds	18,399	16,398	15,953	12,182	12,296	(X)
Other manmade fiber staple						
Consumed 1,000 pounds	796	1,040	797	789	734	9,671
Stocks on hand ¹ 1,000 pounds	1,407	1,799	1,289	1,465	1,488	(X)

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

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Last Saturday of the month.

Spindles in Place, Active Spindles and Spindle Hours Operated – United States: 2025 (continued)

Item	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	Total 2025
Cotton-system spindles in place						
Ring spindles 1,000	379	379	379	379	379	(X)
Airjet spindles 1,000	20	20	20	20	20	(X)
Open-end spindles 1,000	182	174	174	174	174	(X)
Cotton-system spindles active						
Spindles consuming						
100% cotton 1,000	276	278	287	294	278	(X)
million hours	194	187	208	(D)	(D)	(X)
Spindles consuming						
100% manmade fiber 1,000	16	18	12	16	12	(X)
million hours	7	7	7	9	4	(X)
Spindles consuming						
mixtures or blends 1,000	218	213	207	202	217	(X)
million hours	105	86	108	88	75	(X)

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

(X) Not applicable.

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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