



# Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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## Highlights

**January 2026** contained 31 days.

**February 2026** contained 28 days.

**Total Manmade fiber** consumed on the cotton system was 20.1 million pounds during February 2026, up 10 percent from January 2026 but down 8 percent from February 2025. Of the total manmade fiber consumed, 94 percent was polyester staple.

**Total number of spindles** on the cotton system was 564,000 during February 2026. Active spindles consuming 100 percent cotton was 274,000 in February 2026, down 2 percent from January 2026 and down 4 percent from February 2025.

## Consumption and Stocks – United States: February 2026 with Comparisons

Item	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026
<b>Extra long staple</b>			
Consumed			
Running bales ..... number	256	120	(D)
Weight ..... 1,000 pounds	128	60	(D)
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)			
Running bales ..... number	386	(D)	(D)
Weight ..... 1,000 pounds	193	(D)	(D)
<b>Rayon and acetate staple</b>			
Consumed ..... 1,000 pounds	700	548	541
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) ..... 1,000 pounds	3,844	4,031	(D)
<b>Polyester staple</b>			
Consumed ..... 1,000 pounds	20,500	16,823	18,955
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) ..... 1,000 pounds	19,982	12,435	9,340
<b>Other manmade fiber staple</b>			
Consumed ..... 1,000 pounds	756	1,025	648
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) ..... 1,000 pounds	1,732	1,686	1,943

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

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

Item	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026
<b>Cotton-system spindles in place</b>			
Ring spindles ..... 1,000	379	379	379
Airjet spindles ..... 1,000	20	20	20
Open-end spindles ..... 1,000	190	174	165
<b>Cotton-system spindles active</b>			
Spindles consuming 100% cotton ..... 1,000	285	281	274
million hours	187	(D)	(D)
Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber ..... 1,000	19	10	14
million hours	8	5	6
Spindles consuming mixtures or blends ..... 1,000	220	212	210
million hours	110	110	102

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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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