



Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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Highlights

June 2026 contained 30 days.

July 2026 contained 31 days.

Extra long staple cotton consumed on the cotton system was 203,000 pounds in July 2026, up 139 percent from June 2026 and up 56 percent from July 2025. July 2026 stocks on hand on the last Saturday of the month totaled 81,000 pounds, down 32 percent from June 2026 and down 71 percent from July 2025.

Total Manmade fiber consumed on the cotton system was 14.9 million pounds during July 2026, down 28 percent from June 2026 and down 27 percent from July 2025. Of the total manmade fiber consumed, 92 percent was polyester staple.

Total number of spindles on the cotton system was 545,000 during July 2026.

Consumption and Stocks – United States: July 2026 with Comparisons

Item	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026
Extra long staple			
Consumed			
Running bales number	260	172	412
Weight 1,000 pounds	130	85	203
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)			
Running bales number	560	240	164
Weight 1,000 pounds	280	119	81
Rayon and acetate staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	605	599	525
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	3,883	(D)	4,124
Polyester staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	19,018	19,393	13,677
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	14,479	7,750	7,541
Other manmade fiber staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	659	722	673
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	1,920	1,505	1,034

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

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

Item	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026
Cotton-system spindles in place			
Ring spindles 1,000	379	379	379
Airjet spindles 1,000	20	20	20
Open-end spindles 1,000	182	146	146
Cotton-system spindles active			
Spindles consuming 100% cotton 1,000	275	269	(D)
million hours	191	(D)	(D)
Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber 1,000	22	17	14
million hours	11	8	7
Spindles consuming mixtures or blends 1,000	219	195	193
million hours	102	89	91

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Cotton in Private Storage – United States: July 2026 with Comparisons

[Exclusive of stocks included in the Farm Service Agency Bales Made Available for Shipment (BMAS) report and cotton stocks at mills]

Item	July 2024	July 2025	July 2026
	(running bales)	(running bales)	(running bales)
Upland and American Pima cotton			
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)	159,899	63,657	133,682

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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Crops: Artichokes, Avocados, Cabbage, Crop Progress, Dates, Dry Edible Beans, Grapes, Green Peas, Hops, Olives, Pistachios, Potatoes, Rice, Snap Beans, Sugarbeets, Sugarcane, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Walnuts, Wheat

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Crops: Almonds, Asparagus, Barley, Beets, Blueberries, Carrots, Chickpeas, Coffee, Corn, Cranberries, Dry Edible Peas, Garlic, Grapefruit, Lemons, Lentils, Mandarins/Tangerines, Maple, Mushrooms, Onions, Oranges, Papayas, Pears, Pecans, Raspberries, Sweet Corn, Tobacco

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Crops: Apples, Cantaloupe, Cotton, Cotton System Consumption and Stocks, Fats and Oils, Flaxseed, Flour Milling Products, Grain Crushings, Hay, Hazelnuts, Honeydew, Kale, Kiwifruit, Lettuce, Mint, Oats, Peanuts, Proso Millet, Sorghum, Spinach, Strawberries, Sweet Cherries, Tart Cherries, Watermelon

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