



Cotton System Consumption and Stocks

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Highlights

July 2026 contained 31 days.

August 2026 contained 31 days.

Extra long staple cotton consumed on the cotton system was 76,000 pounds in August 2026, down 61 percent from July 2026 and down 23 percent from August 2025. August 2026 stocks on hand on the last Saturday of the month totaled 106,000 pounds, up 4 percent from July 2026 but down 62 percent from August 2025.

Total Manmade fiber consumed on the cotton system was 16.2 million pounds during August 2026, up 10 percent from July 2026 but down 18 percent from August 2025. Of the total manmade fiber consumed, 93 percent was polyester staple.

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

Consumption and Stocks – United States: August 2026 with Comparisons

Item	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026
Extra long staple			
Consumed			
Running bales number	198	400	154
Weight 1,000 pounds	99	197	76
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month)			
Running bales number	564	206	214
Weight 1,000 pounds	282	102	106
Rayon and acetate staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	859	538	580
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	(D)	4,048	3,981
Polyester staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	18,093	13,677	15,089
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	18,399	7,542	7,877
Other manmade fiber staple			
Consumed 1,000 pounds	796	583	559
Stocks on hand (last Saturday of the month) 1,000 pounds	1,407	1,149	1,081

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

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

Item	August 2025	July 2026	August 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	276	(D)	(D)
million hours	194	(D)	(D)
Spindles consuming 100% manmade fiber 1,000	16	14	11
million hours	7	7	5
Spindles consuming mixtures or blends 1,000	218	187	182
million hours	105	86	83

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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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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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