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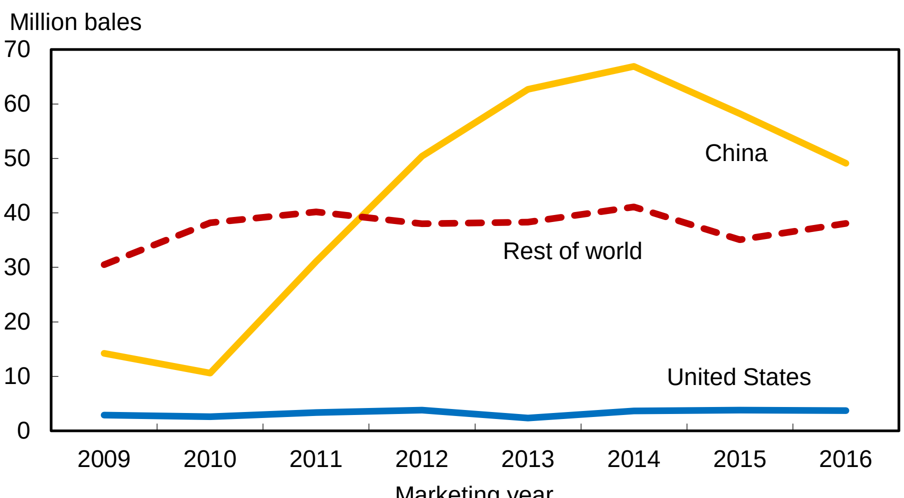
Global Cotton Stocks in 2016/17 Lowest in 5 Years

The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cotton projections for 2016/17 indicate that world ending stocks are forecast at 90.9 million bales, 6 percent below the previous season and 19 percent (nearly 21 million bales) lower than 2014/15's record of 111.7 million bales. Global cotton stocks in 2016/17 are expected to decline in back-to-back years after five consecutive seasons of rising supplies.

Cotton policies in China contributed to the buildup in global stocks, culminating in nearly 67 million bales of cotton held by China at the end of 2014/15 (fig. 1). Likewise, the recent trend of declining supplies is attributable to policies in China that discouraged production, limited raw cotton imports, and began the process of reducing the surplus in Government-held stocks. In 2016/17, China's cotton stocks are forecast at 49.1 million bales, nearly 18 million bales below the record and the lowest in 5 years. With combined stocks in the rest of the world expected higher in 2016/17, China's share of global supplies are projected to decrease to 54 percent, compared with 60 percent during the previous 3 seasons.

Figure 1
Global cotton ending stocks



Note: 1 bale = 480 pounds.

Source: USDA, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* reports.

Domestic Outlook

U.S. Cotton Area to Expand in 2017

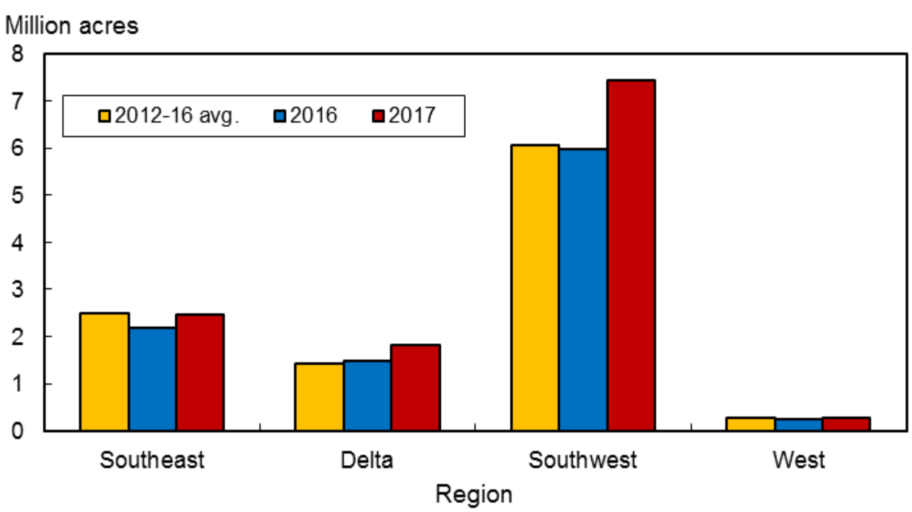
U.S. cotton acreage is projected to increase significantly in 2017. Based on the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) *Prospective Plantings* report that surveyed farmers as of early March, producers intended to plant 12.23 million acres to cotton in 2017. The initial projection is more than 2 million acres (21 percent) above 2016's plantings. Upland area is forecast at 12.0 million acres in 2017, while extra-long staple (ELS) area is estimated at 232,000 acres; for area projections by State and region, see table 10. These estimates will be updated at the end of June in NASS's *Acreage* report. Cotton planting is underway in several States. As of April 9, 2017, 6 percent of the expected acreage was planted, compared with 5 percent last season and the 2012-16 average of 6 percent.

U.S. cotton area is expected to expand this spring mainly due to relative prices that favor cotton over competing crops; last season's high-yielding and high-quality crop also likely played a role in the increased planting indications. Each region of the Cotton Belt is forecast to plant additional cotton acreage in 2017 (fig. 2).

The Southwest is expected to plant 7.4 million acres of upland cotton in 2017, about 1.4 million acres (24 percent) above 2016. Reduced corn, sorghum, and wheat area is projected to push upland cotton in the region to its second-largest in more than three decades. The Southwest is expected to account for 62 percent of total U.S. upland cotton acreage in 2017, the highest percentage in over a century. As a result, production prospects in the region will once again play a key role in the 2017 U.S. cotton crop.

In the Southeast, 2017 cotton plantings are forecast to rise 14 percent from a year ago to nearly 2.5 million acres; soybean and peanut area are expected higher also, but acreage devoted to corn is forecast lower. Cotton area in the Southeast is expected near the 10-year average and to account for 21 percent of the U.S. cotton

Figure 2
U.S. regional upland cotton planted area



Note: 2017 based on *Prospective Plantings* report.
Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, *Crop Production* reports.

area. For the Delta, cotton acreage is projected to continue its recent expansion—reaching 1.8 million acres in 2017. With corn and soybean area expected lower, the Delta's cotton area would be the largest in 5 years. For the second consecutive year, the Delta is expected to account for 15 percent of the total cotton area.

Improved irrigation supplies in the West are expected to support increased cotton area in 2017, with an expansion seen for both upland and ELS acreage. In 2017, upland cotton acreage is estimated at 285,000 acres, the highest in 4 seasons. Similar to the last several seasons, the region is expected to contribute only 2 percent of the U.S. upland cotton acreage. Meanwhile, ELS area in the West is forecast to reach 215,000 acres, 21 percent above 2016; the region will account for over 90 percent of total ELS cotton area once again in 2017.

U.S. 2016/17 Cotton Supply Unchanged; Exports Increased

The 2016/17 U.S. cotton supply remains estimated at 21.0 million bales, 4.4 million bales above the previous season and the largest since a similar supply was recorded in 2010/11; beginning stocks are estimated at 3.8 million bales while U.S. production is estimated at 17.2 million bales. USDA will release its final 2016/17 production estimates on May 10.

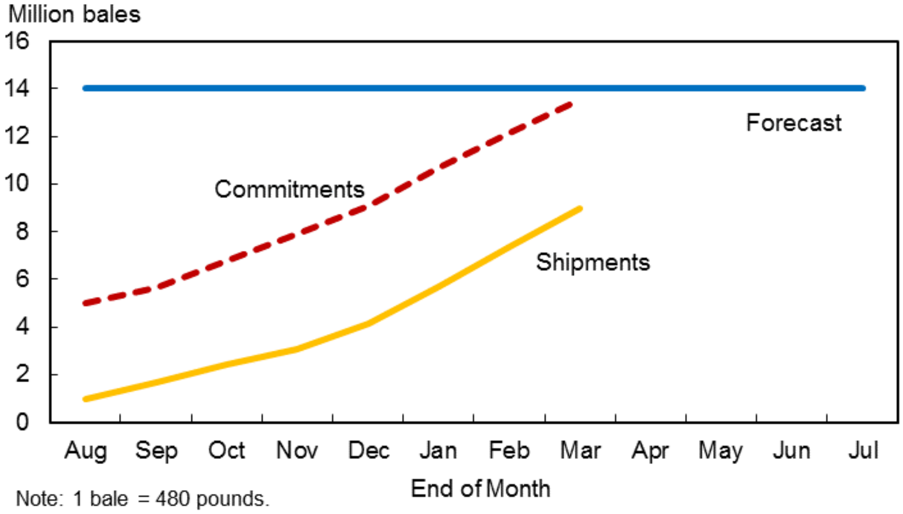
In contrast with the steady forecast for supply, the U.S. cotton export estimate was raised significantly in April based on the continued strength of sales and shipments. U.S. exports are forecast at 14.0 million bales in 2016/17, more than 4.8 million bales above last season and the highest shipment level since 2010/11. Based on USDA's *U.S. Export Sales* data, U.S. export commitments (shipments plus outstanding sales) at the end of March had reached 13.5 million bales, or about 97 percent of the revised export projection; during the last 4 years, the comparable commitments share averaged 92 percent. Meanwhile, shipments had reached 9.0 million bales by the end of March (fig. 3). Demand for U.S. cotton this season has emerged from numerous countries, as the need for high-quality cotton has risen. Based on the latest estimates, the U.S. share of global trade is expected to climb to nearly 39 percent, well above 2015/16's share of 26 percent and the highest in 6 seasons when the share reached 41 percent.

U.S. Ending Stocks and Farm Price Revised

With the increase in U.S. exports, 2016/17 ending stocks are now forecast at 3.7 million bales, 100,000 bales below a year earlier. The current stocks-to-use ratio is estimated at 21 percent, compared with 30 percent for 2015/16. With a lower stocks-to-use ratio this season, the U.S. farm price is forecast to increase from 2015/16's 61.2 cents per pound. The average price received by upland producers for 2016/17 is projected to range between 67 and 69 cents per pound, the highest farm price since 2013/14's 77.9 cents per pound.

Figure 3

Cumulative U.S. cotton export shipments and commitments, 2016/17



Note: 1 bale = 480 pounds.

Sources: USDA, *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* and *U.S. Export Sales* reports.

International Outlook

World Cotton Production Higher in 2016/17

Global 2016/17 cotton production is forecast at 106.3 million bales, 10 percent above last season, as yields rose in most major producing countries. While all major producing countries contributed to the increase, the rebound in the United States—4.3 million bales higher—accounted for the largest share in 2016/17. Brazil and Australia, in particular, are also forecast to see notable gains in this season's cotton production. Meanwhile, India and China remain the largest producing countries, accounting for 25 percent and 21 percent, respectively.

USDA's April increase of 585,000 bales in the 2016/17 world production estimate was largely the result of higher forecasts for China and Brazil; other minor gains were slightly offset by an April reduction for Australia. For 2016/17, world cotton harvested area is estimated at 29.3 million hectares (72.5 million acres), 4 percent below a year earlier. The global yield, however, is projected at 789 kilograms per hectare (704 pounds per acre), as favorable weather pushed the yield to its highest in 3 years.

Global Cotton Consumption Rebounds Slightly

World cotton consumption in 2016/17 is projected at 112.6 million bales, 1 percent (nearly 1.4 million bales) above the previous season and the highest since 2010/11. Despite the global production rebound this season, world cotton mill use is expected to exceed production for the second consecutive season in 2016/17 (fig. 4). Prior to 2015/16, global cotton consumption had been below production each year since 2010/11.

China—the leading cotton spinner—is projected to use nearly 36.3 million bales of raw cotton in 2016/17, compared with an estimate of 35.0 million bales in 2015/16. While cotton yarn imports by China remain an important component of the country's textile industry, imports are expected to decrease as mills in China have access to additional supplies of domestic cotton from the national reserve.

Cotton consumption gains are also forecast for Vietnam and Bangladesh in 2016/17, with projected increases of 900,000 bales and 400,000 bales, respectively; textile investment has expanded there in recent years as production costs—primarily labor—remain relatively low. India's consumption, however, is forecast 2 percent lower than a year ago, reaching about 23.8 million bales in 2016/17. Lower yarn exports to China, a major customer, account for the decline. Reduced mill use is also seen for Turkey, as consumption there is forecast at 6.3 million bales, 5 percent below 2015/16. Meanwhile, cotton mill use in Pakistan is projected stable at 10.3 million bales.

World Cotton Trade Higher in 2016/17; Stocks Lower

Global cotton trade is projected at 36.1 million bales for 2016/17, 2 percent above the previous season and the largest in 3 years. In 2016/17, cotton import demand has varied. While larger imports are projected for Vietnam and India, declines are expected for Turkey and Pakistan. However, imports by Bangladesh—the largest cotton importer—are forecast flat at 6.2 million bales; raw cotton imports by

China are projected at 4.5 million bales, similar to 2015/16 as policies in place are forecast to keep imports there near China's WTO commitment level.

With significantly higher exports by the United States, most major cotton exporting countries are projected to have decreased shipments in 2016/17. The exception is Australia, where—like the United States—shipments (at 3.9 million bales) are expected to be higher largely because of a production rebound that provided additional exportable supplies. In contrast, 2016/17 cotton exports are expected lower for India, Brazil, and Uzbekistan, with shipments from these suppliers forecast at 4.0 million bales, 2.9 million, and 1.5 million, respectively.

Despite USDA's April increase in world cotton stocks from a month earlier, 2016/17 global ending stocks are projected to decline nearly 6.2 million bales from 2015/16 as world cotton consumption exceeds production for the second consecutive season. In 2016/17, world ending stocks are projected at 90.9 million bales, the lowest since 2011/12. Based on the latest estimate, the global stocks-to-use ratio is forecast to decrease to about 81 percent, implying about 10 months' worth of consumption available at the end of the season; over the last decade, the stocks-to-use ratio has ranged from 40 percent in 2009/10 to 100 percent in 2014/15.

Figure 4

World cotton mill use, production, and trade

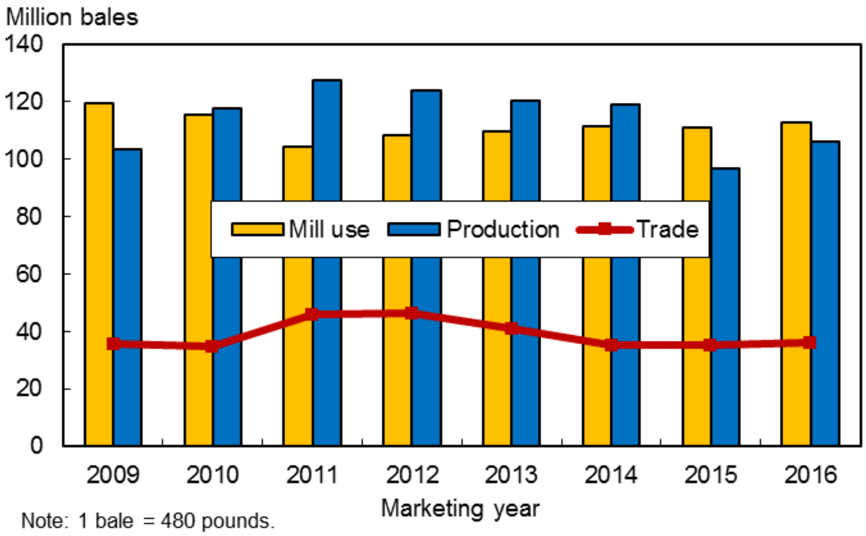


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Table 1--U.S. cotton supply and use estimates

Item	2015/16	2016/17 Feb.	2016/17 Mar.	2016/17 Apr.
		Million acres		
Upland:				
Planted	8.422	9.880	9.880	9.880
Harvested	7.920	9.332	9.332	9.332
		Pounds		
Yield/harvested acre	755	844	857	857
		Million bales		
Beginning stocks	3.391	3.664	3.664	3.664
Production	12.455	16.401	16.665	16.665
Total supply[1]	15.876	20.075	20.339	20.339
Mill use	3.425	3.275	3.275	3.275
Exports	8.619	12.100	12.600	13.390
Total use	12.044	15.375	15.875	16.665
Ending stocks[2]	3.664	4.731	4.424	3.634
		Percent		
Stocks-to-use ratio	30.4	30.8	27.9	21.8
		1,000 acres		
Extra-long staple:				
Planted	158.5	194.5	194.5	194.5
Harvested	154.9	189.7	189.7	189.7
		Pounds		
Yield/harvested acre	1,342	1,411	1,430	1,430
		1,000 bales		
Beginning stocks	259	136	136	136
Production	433	558	565	565
Total supply[1]	695	694	701	701
Mill use	25	25	25	25
Exports	534	600	600	610
Total use	559	625	625	635
Ending stocks[2]	136	69	76	66
		Percent		
Stocks-to-use ratio	24.3	11.0	12.2	10.4

Note: 1 bale = 480 pounds.

[1]Includes imports. [2]Includes unaccounted.

Source: USDA, World Agricultural Outlook Board.

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Table 2--World cotton supply and use estimates

Item	2015/16	2016/17 Feb.	2016/17 Mar.	2016/17 Apr.
		Million bales		
Supply:				
Beginning stocks--				
World	111.74	96.83	97.09	97.08
Foreign	108.09	93.03	93.29	93.28
Production--				
World	96.71	105.42	105.72	106.30
Foreign	83.83	88.46	88.49	89.07
Imports--				
World	35.19	35.75	35.96	36.10
Foreign	35.16	35.74	35.95	36.09
Use:				
Mill use--				
World	111.24	112.52	112.43	112.59
Foreign	107.79	109.22	109.13	109.29
Exports--				
World	35.29	35.74	35.95	36.10
Foreign	26.14	23.04	22.75	22.10
Ending stocks--				
World	97.08	89.90	90.48	90.91
Foreign	93.28	85.10	85.98	87.21
		Percent		
Stocks-to-use ratio:				
World	87.3	79.9	80.5	80.7
Foreign	86.5	77.9	78.8	79.8

Note: 1 bale = 480 pounds.

Source: USDA, World Agricultural Outlook Board.

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Table 3--U.S. fiber supply

Item	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017	Feb. 2016
	1,000 bales			
Cotton:				
Stocks, beginning	10,177	12,512	12,954	11,313
Ginnings	3,690	2,087	694	274
Imports since August 1	2.6	3.3	3.3	22.9
	Million pounds			
Manufactured fiber:				
Production	496.0	530.0	NA	506.9
Noncellulosic	496.0	530.0	NA	506.9
Cellulosic	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total since January 1	6,413.4	530.0	NA	1,045.2

	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Jan. 2016
	Million pounds			
Raw fiber imports	180.2	188.7	NA	192.8
Noncellulosic	167.1	169.5	NA	176.7
Cellulosic	13.1	19.2	NA	16.1
Total since January 1	2,104.0	2,292.7	NA	192.8
	1,000 pounds			
Wool and mohair:				
Raw wool imports, clean	488.1	568.8	488.1	564.6
48s-and-finer	306.7	318.4	241.1	315.5
Not-finer-than-46s	181.4	250.4	247.0	249.1
Total since January 1	5,458.3	6,027.1	488.1	564.6
Wool top imports	175.1	303.8	264.9	257.9
Total since January 1	2,719.1	3,022.8	264.9	257.9
Mohair imports, clean	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total since January 1	13.3	13.3	0.0	0.0

Note: 1 bale = 480 pounds. NA = Not available.

Sources: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service; U.S. Dept. of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau; and *Fiber Organon* .

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Table 4--U.S. fiber demand

Item	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017	Feb. 2016
	1,000 bales			
Cotton:				
All consumed by mills[1]	213	278	277	289
Total since August 1	1,352	1,630	1,907	2,005
Daily rate	9.7	12.6	13.9	13.8
Upland consumed by mills[1]	210	275	275	286
Total since August 1	1,340	1,616	1,890	1,990
Daily rate	9.5	12.5	13.7	13.6
Upland exports	1,073	1,313	1,557	803
Total since August 1	3,939	5,253	6,810	3,852
Sales for next season	74	173	496	78
Total since August 1	583	757	1,253	962
Extra-long staple exports	71.3	54.9	57.8	77.8
Total since August 1	257.3	312.2	370.0	285.6
Sales for next season	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Total since August 1	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Jan. 2016
	Million pounds			
Manufactured fiber:				
Raw fiber exports	44.0	43.2	NA	44.5
Noncellulosic	43.7	43.0	NA	44.1
Cellulosic	0.3	0.2	NA	0.4
Total since January 1	516.3	559.5	NA	44.5
	1,000 pounds			
Wool and mohair:				
Raw wool exports, clean	569.0	609.2	495.6	303.5
Total since January 1	7,216.4	7,825.6	495.6	303.5
Wool top exports	95.0	74.8	106.8	114.7
Total since January 1	910.2	984.9	106.8	114.7
Mohair exports, clean	63.6	34.6	30.8	28.8
Total since January 1	333.9	368.5	30.8	28.8

Note: 1 bale = 480 pounds. NA = Not available.

[1]Estimated by USDA.

Sources: USDA, Farm Service Agency; USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service, *U.S. Export Sales*; U.S. Dept. of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau; and *Fiber Organon.*

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Table 5--U.S. and world fiber prices

Item	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017	Mar. 2017	Mar. 2016
	Cents per pound			
Domestic cotton prices:				
Adjusted world price	62.90	66.15	67.83	44.23
Upland spot 41-34	71.81	73.02	74.33	55.96
Pima spot 02-46	145.00	145.89	146.00	128.95
Average price received by upland producers	67.10	68.60	NA	58.20
Far Eastern cotton quotes:				
A Index	82.48	85.14	86.88	65.45
Memphis/Eastern	84.44	86.69	88.25	69.25
Memphis/Orleans/Texas	82.94	85.19	86.85	66.80
California/Arizona	84.75	87.94	90.15	70.05
	Dollars per pound			
Wool prices (clean):				
U.S. 58s	NQ	NQ	3.15	3.04
Australian 58s[1]	3.70	3.77	4.00	3.78
U.S. 60s	NQ	NQ	3.53	3.35
Australian 60s[1]	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
U.S. 64s	NQ	NQ	4.33	3.79
Australian 64s[1]	5.14	5.16	5.28	4.72

NA = Not available. NQ = No quote.

[1]In bond, Charleston, SC.

Sources: USDA, *Cotton Price Statistics* ; Cotlook Ltd., *Cotton Outlook;* and trade reports.

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Table 6--U.S. textile imports, by fiber

Item	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017	Feb. 2016
	1,000 pounds			
Yarn, thread, and fabric:	254,657	283,396	245,791	271,602
Cotton	60,505	60,349	51,614	56,052
Linen	21,156	27,036	21,097	22,293
Wool	3,658	4,204	3,586	3,919
Silk	517	599	506	841
Synthetic	168,821	191,208	168,988	188,497
Apparel:	826,810	974,893	856,911	991,533
Cotton	431,254	498,716	453,285	527,635
Linen	6,917	9,329	9,433	11,851
Wool	18,700	22,748	18,799	22,482
Silk	7,679	10,188	9,662	10,583
Synthetic	362,260	433,913	365,732	418,983
Home furnishings:	261,536	278,522	236,276	241,236
Cotton	132,874	149,822	134,489	136,277
Linen	1,400	1,530	1,669	1,106
Wool	614	387	440	437
Silk	166	173	177	157
Synthetic	126,483	126,610	99,501	103,258
Floor coverings:	85,444	91,470	84,844	84,584
Cotton	10,015	11,556	10,714	9,762
Linen	25,534	28,036	28,356	26,402
Wool	10,295	10,853	9,062	10,245
Silk	2,508	2,744	2,385	2,611
Synthetic	37,093	38,281	34,326	35,564
Total imports:[1]	1,442,784	1,642,779	1,436,665	1,601,320
Cotton	638,565	724,499	653,740	733,307
Linen	55,904	67,309	61,651	62,921
Wool	33,470	38,334	32,013	37,317
Silk	10,871	13,712	12,730	14,173
Synthetic	703,974	798,925	676,531	753,601

Note: Raw-fiber-equivalent pounds. Data for 2016 are revised.

[1]Includes headgear.

Sources: USDA, Economic Research Service; and U.S. Dept. of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau.

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Table 7--U.S. textile exports, by fiber

Item	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017	Feb. 2016
	1,000 pounds			
Yarn, thread, and fabric:	196,307	219,024	236,983	239,987
Cotton	102,324	113,050	129,594	129,229
Linen	5,856	6,030	6,290	6,392
Wool	2,367	2,464	2,618	2,772
Silk	999	1,093	893	1,099
Synthetic	84,761	96,388	97,589	100,495
Apparel:	24,397	24,097	24,869	24,385
Cotton	10,572	10,641	11,216	11,182
Linen	323	360	332	366
Wool	2,013	1,708	1,888	1,711
Silk	1,341	1,234	1,183	1,075
Synthetic	10,149	10,154	10,251	10,052
Home furnishings:	3,365	3,351	4,210	2,896
Cotton	1,549	1,680	1,796	1,404
Linen	158	102	145	147
Wool	72	82	100	51
Silk	85	57	88	98
Synthetic	1,501	1,430	2,082	1,195
Floor coverings:	24,753	26,647	26,690	23,459
Cotton	1,952	1,985	2,092	1,934
Linen	1,007	966	1,058	992
Wool	1,321	1,546	1,385	1,091
Silk	46	43	54	49
Synthetic	20,427	22,107	22,101	19,392
Total exports:[1]	249,124	273,327	292,972	290,885
Cotton	116,501	127,435	144,776	143,815
Linen	7,356	7,466	7,833	7,901
Wool	5,786	5,807	5,999	5,630
Silk	2,471	2,427	2,218	2,322
Synthetic	117,009	130,192	132,147	131,217

Note: Raw-fiber-equivalent pounds. Data for 2016 are revised.

[1]Includes headgear.

Sources: USDA, Economic Research Service; U.S. Dept. of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau.

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Table 8--U.S. cotton textile imports, by origin

Region/country	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017	Feb. 2016
	1,000 pounds			
North America	117,847	110,393	123,696	145,082
Canada	2,534	2,495	2,604	3,074
Dominican Republic	7,619	6,920	7,148	10,573
El Salvador	16,888	12,140	17,776	17,670
Guatemala	6,184	6,828	6,465	7,635
Haiti	9,469	10,220	10,482	15,549
Honduras	26,764	20,031	24,997	31,003
Mexico	33,653	34,610	37,245	39,577
Nicaragua	14,609	17,104	16,896	19,973
South America	3,853	4,190	3,842	4,075
Colombia	1,776	1,528	1,771	1,618
Peru	1,768	2,258	1,848	2,290
Europe	14,158	13,702	12,667	13,574
Germany	990	993	817	880
Italy	1,569	1,514	1,434	1,698
Portugal	1,156	1,455	1,297	1,376
Turkey	7,043	7,103	6,436	6,847
Asia	490,023	582,593	502,137	558,644
Bahrain	1,163	1,600	1,057	2,497
Bangladesh	42,537	53,666	53,808	55,650
Cambodia	10,606	14,377	12,904	16,810
China	209,451	253,523	196,230	235,423
Hong Kong	979	1,374	725	1,440
India	68,758	78,741	80,249	75,595
Indonesia	19,028	23,638	22,430	25,456
Israel	486	711	502	493
Japan	1,180	1,096	1,060	1,156
Jordan	4,631	4,605	3,955	3,399
Malaysia	2,002	2,534	2,296	3,059
Pakistan	54,767	59,601	52,882	55,665
Philippines	2,533	3,310	2,771	2,963
South Korea	5,271	4,714	4,456	4,663
Sri Lanka	7,947	8,177	7,223	8,294
Taiwan	1,690	2,142	1,449	1,857
Thailand	4,910	4,165	4,187	5,573
Vietnam	51,394	63,068	52,973	57,486
Oceania	64	57	35	18
Africa	12,621	13,565	11,363	11,916
Egypt	6,067	6,920	5,700	5,877
Kenya	2,070	2,085	1,746	2,182
Lesotho	2,058	1,645	1,386	1,396
Mauritius	757	699	484	1,037
World[1]	638,565	724,499	653,740	733,307

Note: Raw-fiber-equivalent pounds. Data for 2016 are revised.

[1]Regional totals may not sum to world totals due to rounding.

Sources: USDA, Economic Research Service; and U.S. Dept. of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau.

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Table 9--U.S. cotton textile exports, by destination

Region/country	Dec. 2016	Jan. 2017	Feb. 2017	Feb. 2016
	1,000 pounds			
North America	92,248	105,637	121,866	120,345
Bahamas	192	180	237	167
Canada	8,113	8,114	8,620	7,420
Costa Rica	181	389	146	333
Dominican Republic	10,914	15,309	19,661	17,736
El Salvador	2,232	3,393	3,713	6,007
Guatemala	2,966	2,270	2,256	2,508
Haiti	593	870	852	628
Honduras	48,305	52,367	61,868	59,468
Mexico	15,679	19,954	20,839	22,869
Nicaragua	2,388	2,301	2,888	2,642
Panama	155	182	192	214
South America	4,747	4,806	5,538	4,879
Brazil	240	224	319	296
Chile	253	122	134	231
Colombia	2,950	2,712	3,677	3,199
Peru	833	1,434	1,098	842
Europe	3,249	2,213	2,066	4,067
Belgium	401	200	179	173
France	104	154	103	117
Germany	299	221	279	351
Italy	247	180	137	161
Netherlands	286	238	239	337
Spain	159	60	128	187
Switzerland	614	93	75	83
United Kingdom	688	697	598	841
Asia	12,997	10,510	11,756	11,635
China	9,012	6,858	7,313	7,582
Hong Kong	407	258	305	391
India	157	166	203	334
Israel	136	178	125	265
Japan	957	716	653	970
Saudi Arabia	121	103	60	46
Singapore	122	120	158	161
South Korea	454	449	873	528
Taiwan	170	128	166	152
United Arab Emirates	233	338	328	567
Vietnam	328	464	132	213
Oceania	525	510	570	446
Australia	427	413	459	370
Africa	2,736	3,758	2,980	2,444
Morocco	2,449	3,520	2,670	2,144
World[1]	116,501	127,435	144,776	143,815

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Table 10--U.S. actual and projected cotton acreage

State/region	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Projected 2017 [1]	2017/2016
		1,000 acres		*Percent*
Upland:				
Alabama	315	345	430	125
Florida	85	102	85	83
Georgia	1,130	1,180	1,300	110
N. Carolina	385	280	340	121
S. Carolina	235	190	230	121
Virginia	85	73	80	110
Southeast	2,235	2,170	2,465	114
Arkansas	210	380	500	132
Louisiana	115	140	190	136
Mississippi	320	435	550	126
Missouri	185	280	285	102
Tennessee	155	255	300	118
Delta	985	1,490	1,825	122
Kansas	16	32	56	175
Oklahoma	215	305	470	154
Texas	4,800	5,650	6,900	122
Southwest	5,031	5,987	7,426	124
Arizona	89	120	150	125
California	47	66	85	129
New Mexico	35	47	50	106
West	171	233	285	122
Total upland	8,422	9,880	12,001	121
Pima:				
Arizona	18	15	16	110
California	117	155	190	123
New Mexico	7	8	9	113
Texas	17	17	17	100
Total Pima	159	195	232	119
Total all	8,581	10,075	12,233	121

[1] Planting intentions as indicated by reports from farmers.

Source: USDA, *Prospective Plantings* .

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