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World Cotton Production Remains Concentrated Among Five Countries

The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) projections for 2012 indicate that global cotton production is forecast at 113.8 million bales, 7 percent below the 2011 record estimate of 122.7 million bales. Despite a 1.5-million-bale reduction from last month—due mainly to decreases in India and Pakistan—the global production forecast remains above projected consumption for 2012/13, resulting in rising world stocks for the third consecutive season.

The top five cotton-producing countries continue to account for approximately 80 percent of total world production, with 2012 projected at 78 percent. Figure 1 illustrates the production shares for each of the major producers. For 2012, the projected shares for China and India account for a combined 48 percent, down from recent years. Lower cotton prices resulting from rising stocks reduced 2012 area and production prospects for many producers. Although 2012 U.S. plantings are lower, harvested area and production are expected to rise from 2011's drought-related losses.

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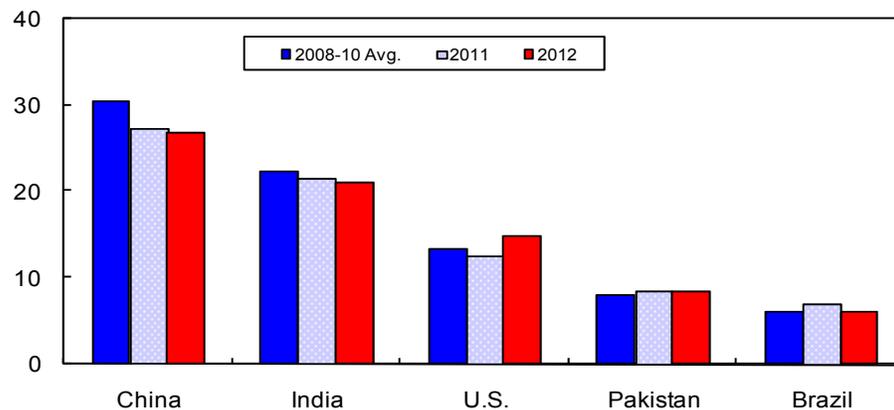
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Figure 1

Share of total cotton production by major producer

Percent



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

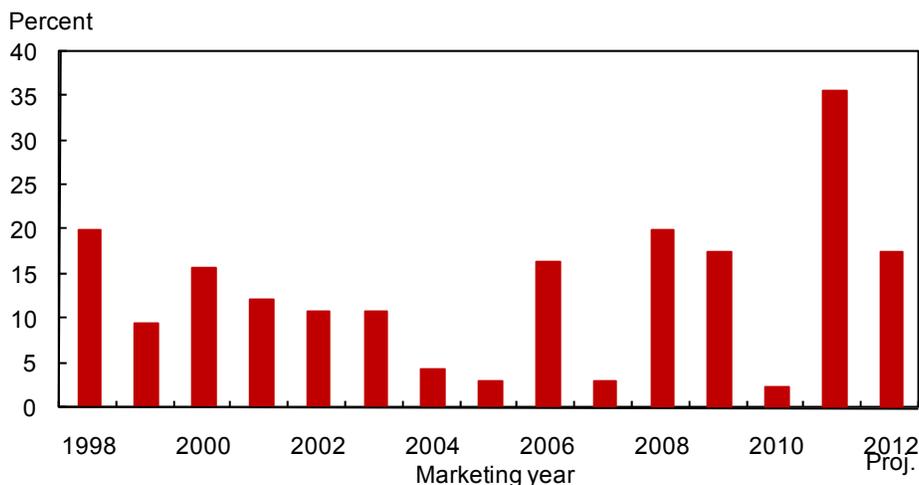
U.S. Cotton Crop Projection Unchanged Despite Lower 2012 Area

The U.S. cotton production forecast for 2012 remains at 17.0 million bales this month and is projected 1.4 million bales above the 2011 crop. Despite a reduction in planted area based on the June *Acreage* report (see table 10), the crop was left unchanged as abandonment and yield were adjusted based on current conditions. While drought conditions are still prevalent across parts of the Cotton Belt this year, they are much improved from those in 2011. Abandonment and yield projections are based on 2009-11 averages, weighted by region; however, harvested area is further adjusted to include estimated abandonment of 30 percent in the Southwest.

Based on the June *Acreage* report, U.S. producers indicated that they had planted or intended to plant more than 12.6 million acres to cotton in 2012, 4 percent below the March *Prospective Plantings* report and 14 percent below 2011. Although planted area is below last season, harvested area is projected 10 percent higher at 10.4 million acres. Improved moisture and crop conditions in the Southwest—compared with last season—are expected to reduce abandonment dramatically from 2011 when the region lost over 60 percent of the intended area. Nationally, U.S. abandonment for 2012 is projected at 18 percent (2.2 million acres), above the long-term average of 13 percent. The projected 2012 abandonment compares with a record of 36 percent (5.3 million acres) set last season (fig. 2); the previous abandonment record of 27 percent occurred in 1933.

Upland cotton area projections are lower for each region of the Cotton Belt for 2012, ranging from 11 percent to 22 percent lower, as higher alternative crop prices provided the incentive to reduce cotton area. Area in the Southwest was reported at about 7.2 million acres (11 percent lower); this region is expected to have an above average abandonment once again in 2012. In the Southeast and Delta regions, area

Figure 2
U.S. cotton abandonment rates



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

is estimated at about 2.7 million acres (22 percent lower) and 2.1 million acres (13 percent lower), respectively. Upland area in the West is estimated to decline 20 percent from 2011 to 400,000 acres. In addition, extra-long staple area—most of which is in the West—is expected to reach 235,000 acres, 23 percent below 2011.

U.S. cotton crop development in 2012 continues ahead of both last season and the 5-year average. As of July 8th, 70 percent of the crop was squaring, compared with 56 percent a year earlier and the 5-year average of 64 percent. Likewise, area setting bolls had reached 23 percent as of early July, compared with 18 percent in 2011 and the 2007-11 average of 19 percent. Meanwhile, early season U.S. cotton crop conditions are above the corresponding period from last year and similar to the 5-year average (fig. 3). As of July 8th, 44 percent of the U.S. area was rated “good” or “excellent,” compared with 28 percent last season, while only 18 percent was rated “poor” or “very poor,” compared with 42 percent in 2011.

The U.S. yield is currently projected at 785 pounds per harvested acre, slightly below last season’s final estimate. In August, USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service will publish its first survey-based results for 2012 cotton production.

Cotton Demand and Stocks Revised

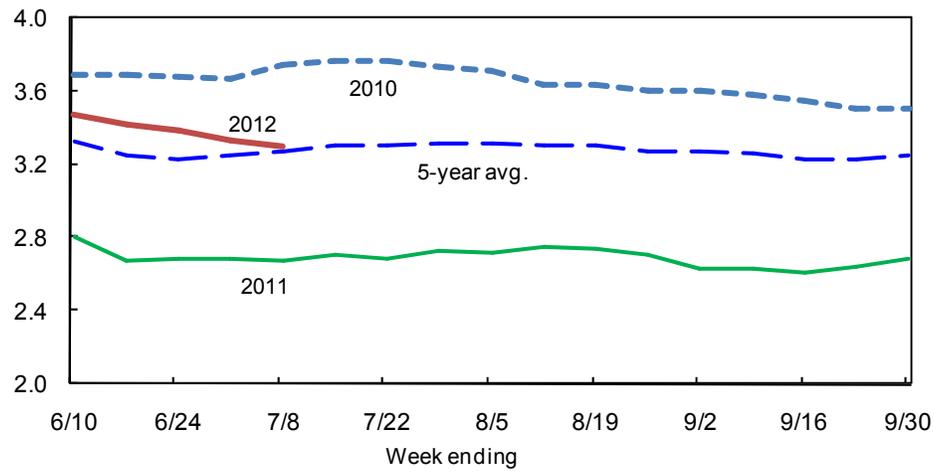
As the start of the 2012/13 season approaches, demand projections for the upcoming season were revised slightly this month; 2012/13 total U.S. cotton demand is forecast at 15.5 million bales, 600,000 bales above the latest 2011/12 estimate. U.S. exports for 2012/13 were increased 300,000 bales this month as higher projected foreign import demand is expected to support exports of 12.1 million bales. U.S. mill demand for 2012/13 was reduced slightly to 3.4 million bales, reflecting recently reported mill activity that reduced the 2011/12 estimate this month.

Despite global cotton trade being projected smaller in 2012/13, the U.S. share of world trade is forecast to rebound from 2011/12. Larger U.S. exportable supplies are expected in 2012/13 as is less competition from some of the major cotton producers that reduced area. Based on the current projections, the U.S. share of world trade is forecast at 32 percent, between last season’s 27 percent and 2010/11’s 39 percent.

Based on the latest supply and demand estimates, 2012/13 stocks are forecast to rise for the second consecutive season from 3.3 million bales when the season begins on August 1st, to 4.8 million bales at season’s end. Just as actual stocks are likely to increase in 2012/13, the stocks-to-use ratio is also expected to rise from 22 percent in 2011/12 to 31 percent in 2012/13, the highest in four seasons. The 2012/13 upland farm price is expected to range between 60 and 80 cents per pound, compared with the 2011/12 estimate of 91 cents and 2010/11’s 81.5 cents.

Figure 3
U.S. cotton crop conditions

Index (2=poor, 3=fair, and 4=good)



Source: USDA, *Crop Progress* reports.

Global Cotton Production To Decline in 2012/13

World 2012/13 cotton production is forecast at 113.8 million bales, a 7-percent decline from the previous year. The expected output decline is driven mainly by a combination of relatively weak global cotton prices and rising production costs, encouraging major growers to shift area to more profitable alternatives.

China and India are forecast to produce 30.5 million bales and 24.0 million bales, respectively, each a 9-percent decline from a year earlier. China's harvested area is also expected to decline 9 percent from the previous year to 5.0 million hectares in 2012/13. India's harvested area is forecast at 10.8 million hectares in 2012/13, down 11.5 percent from a year earlier. India's production is revised down 4 percent from last month to 24.0 million bales, as low prices and a delay in the monsoon season have shaved production prospects. Australia and Brazil are forecast to produce nearly 4.3 million bales and 7.0 million bales in 2012/13, a decline of 13 percent and 20 percent, respectively, from the previous year. Australia's harvested area is expected to decline 18 percent to 475,000 hectares, while Brazil's area is forecast to contract 23 percent from a year earlier to nearly 1.1 million hectares.

Pakistan and Uzbekistan are expected to produce 9.7 million bales and 4.1 million bales in 2012/13, down 9 percent and 2 percent, respectively, from the preceding year. Area harvested in Pakistan and Uzbekistan is forecast to decline 3 percent from a year earlier to 3.1 million hectares and 1.3 million hectares, respectively. The United States and the African Franc Zone (AFZ) are forecast to produce 17.0 million bales and 3.1 million bales in 2012/13, up 9 percent and 2 percent, respectively, from the previous year.

Globally, 2012/13 harvested area is forecast at 33.3 million hectares, down 7 percent from a year earlier, and yield is projected at 745 kg/ha, similar to 2011/12.

World Cotton Consumption To Rebound, Stocks at Record in 2012/13

Global 2012/13 cotton mill use is forecast to increase 2 percent from a year earlier to 109.0 million bales. China is expected to consume 39.5 million bales in 2012/13, down 1.5 bales (-3.7 percent) from the preceding year. If realized, the projected mill use will reduce China's global share of cotton consumption to 36 percent, the lowest in 8 years. The projected decline in China's cotton mill use is expected to be more than offset by increases in other countries such as India, Pakistan, and Vietnam.

India and Pakistan are forecast to consume 21.5 million bales and nearly 11.3 million bales, 5-percent and 10-percent increases, respectively. Vietnam's 2012/13 cotton consumption is expected to rise 9 percent from the previous year to nearly 1.8 million bales. Brazil and Turkey are forecast to consume nearly 4.3 million bales and 5.6 million bales in 2012/13, an increase of 6 percent and 7 percent, respectively, from the previous year. The United States is forecast to consume 3.4 million bales in 2012/13, a 3-percent increase from a year earlier.

Global cotton 2012/13 ending stocks are projected at a record 72.4 million bales, up 9 percent from the preceding year, as global production outpaces consumption.

World stocks are forecast at their highest level relative to cotton consumption since at least 1960. World stocks are forecast at 66 percent of annual consumption in 2012/13, compared with only 40 percent in 2009/10 and a 10-year average of 51 percent.

China's policy of continued accumulation of cotton in the national reserve accounts for most of the projected increase in world stocks and would raise China's share of total world stocks to 44 percent. At the same time, the divergence between China's domestic price support level and world prices is constraining China's consumption, such that stocks there could reach 80 percent of total offtake. USDA continues to assume that China will release a portion of the cotton acquired by the national reserve during 2012/13, thereby partially offsetting China's need for imports. If the Government of China does not release reserves, then China's stocks are likely to rise even higher than the current projection.

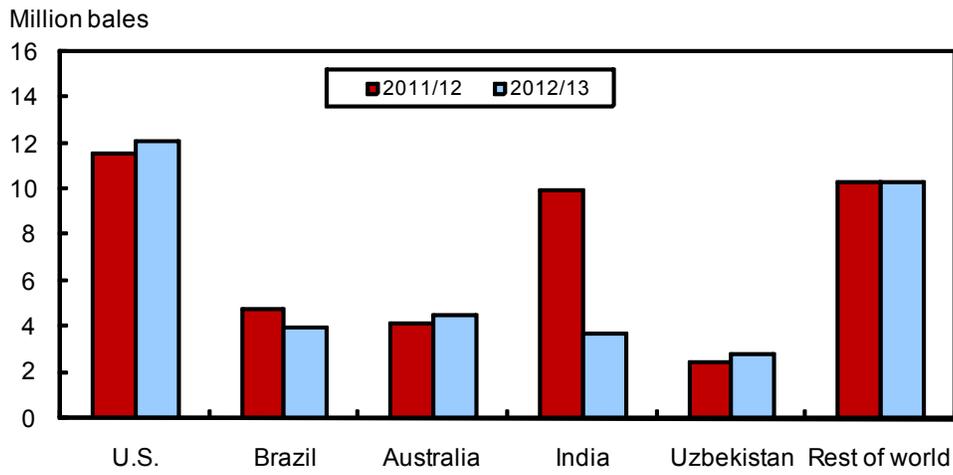
With China absorbing most of the world's cotton surplus, stocks in other countries mostly show balanced supply and use. Stocks in the United States are forecast at 4.8 million bales, a 45-percent increase from the previous year, but the forecast stocks-to-use ratio of 31 percent is only marginally above the 10-year average. Stocks in foreign countries outside of China would account for about 39 percent of their use, in line with the previous two seasons. Southern Hemisphere stocks are anticipated to fall about 1.2 million bales, mainly reflecting lower expected production in Brazil and Australia. Projected stocks in India and Pakistan, at 30 percent and 28 percent of total use, respectively, are adequate but not excessive to support projected offtake.

Global Cotton Trade Forecast To Decline in 2012/13

World 2012/13 cotton imports are projected to decline 14 percent from the previous year to 37.4 million bales. Several countries are expected to increase imports in 2012/13 but not cumulatively enough to offset a major import contraction by China. Bangladesh and Indonesia are forecast to import 3.6 million bales and 2.1 million bales, up 14 percent and 6 percent, respectively, from a year earlier. Pakistan and Turkey are forecast to import 2.2 million bales and 3.0 million bales, an increase of 83 percent and 30 percent, respectively, from the preceding year.

On the export side, increases in several cotton exporting countries are expected to be more than offset by export declines in Brazil and India (fig. 4). Brazil's 2012/13 cotton exports are forecast at 4.0 million bales, down 17 percent from the preceding year's record. India is expected to export 3.7 million bales in 2012/13, down 63 percent from the previous year, due to lower supplies and higher domestic consumption. Australia and the AFZ are forecast to export 4.5 million bales and 2.8 million bales, an increase of 7 percent and 24 percent, respectively, from a year earlier. If realized, Australia's share of world trade will rise to 12 percent, while AFZ's share will be 7.4 percent. Uzbekistan and the United States are expected to export 2.8 million bales and 12.1 million bales in 2012/13, up 10 percent and 4 percent, respectively, from the preceding year.

Figure 4
Brazil and India lead global 2012/13 cotton export decline



Source: USDA, *Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee*.

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

Item	2011/12	2012/13		
		May	June	July
<i>Million acres</i>				
Upland:				
Planted	14.428	12.885	12.885	12.400
Harvested	9.156	10.234	10.234	10.167
<i>Pounds</i>				
Yield/harvested acre	772	764	764	773
<i>Million 480-lb. bales</i>				
Beginning stocks	2.572	3.198	2.968	3.063
Production	14.722	16.280	16.280	16.365
Total supply 1/	17.309	19.483	19.253	19.433
Mill use	3.278	3.470	3.470	3.375
Exports	10.975	11.300	11.100	11.400
Total use	14.253	14.770	14.570	14.775
Ending stocks 2/	3.063	4.708	4.678	4.653
<i>Percent</i>				
Stocks-to-use ratio	21.5	31.9	32.1	31.5
<i>1,000 acres</i>				
Extra-long staple:				
Planted	307.4	270.0	270.0	235.0
Harvested	304.9	266.0	266.0	233.0
<i>Pounds</i>				
Yield/harvested acre	1,340	1,300	1,300	1,308
<i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i>				
Beginning stocks	28	202	232	237
Production	851	720	720	635
Total supply 1/	884	922	952	872
Mill use	22	30	30	25
Exports	625	700	700	700
Total use	647	730	730	725
Ending stocks 2/	237	192	222	147
<i>Percent</i>				
Stocks-to-use ratio	36.6	26.3	30.4	20.3

1/ Includes imports. 2/ Includes unaccounted.

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Sources: USDA, World Agricultural Outlook Board; and USDC, U.S. Census Bureau.

Table 2--World cotton supply and use estimates

Item	2011/12	2012/13		
		May	June	July
<i>Million 480-lb. bales</i>				
Supply:				
Beginning stocks--				
World	49.52	66.88	67.32	66.68
Foreign	46.92	63.48	64.12	63.38
Production--				
World	122.71	116.69	115.29	113.81
Foreign	107.14	99.69	98.29	96.81
Imports--				
World	43.55	37.64	36.97	37.39
Foreign	43.53	37.63	36.97	37.39
Use:				
Mill use--				
World	106.59	109.96	109.01	108.98
Foreign	103.29	106.46	105.51	105.58
Exports--				
World	43.40	37.62	36.95	37.39
Foreign	31.80	25.62	25.15	25.29
Ending stocks--				
World	66.68	73.75	74.51	72.39
Foreign	63.38	68.85	69.61	67.59
<i>Percent</i>				
Stocks-to-use ratio:				
World	62.6	67.1	68.4	66.4
Foreign	61.4	64.7	66.0	64.0

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Source: USDA, World Agricultural Outlook Board.

Table 3--U.S. fiber supply

Item	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	May 2012	May 2011
<i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i>				
Cotton:				
Ginnings	0	0	0	0
Imports since August 1	11.3	13.9	NA	6.2
Stocks, beginning	10,633	8,719	7,201	6,447
At mills	NA	NA	NA	143
Public storage	NA	NA	NA	4,802
CCC stocks	3,016	2,392	1,872	2,749
<i>Million pounds</i>				
Manmade:				
Production	544.7	535.9	516.6	497.3
Noncellulosic	544.7	544.7	531.2	497.3
Cellulosic	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total since January 1	1,477.8	2,013.7	2,530.3	2,607.5
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	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011
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<i>Million pounds</i>				
Raw fiber imports:	140.1	161.9	163.5	165.0
Noncellulosic	127.1	144.8	149.7	148.1
Cellulosic	13.0	17.1	13.8	16.9
Total since January 1	288.6	450.5	514.0	580.8
<i>1,000 pounds</i>				
Wool and mohair:				
Raw wool imports, clean	968.1	1,018.9	880.7	681.2
48s-and-finer	462.1	333.5	499.8	281.6
Not-finer-than-46s	506.0	685.4	380.9	399.3
Total since January 1	1,679.7	2,698.6	3,579.3	2,554.0
Wool top imports	268.1	243.3	214.0	170.2
Total since January 1	644.3	887.6	1,101.6	1,218.3
Mohair imports, clean	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total since January 1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3

NA = Not available.

Last update: 07/12/12.

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

Table 4--U.S. fiber demand

Item	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	May 2012	May 2011
<i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i>				
Cotton:				
All consumed by mills 1/	288	234	284	339
Total since August 1	2,212	2,446	2,730	3,293
Daily rate	13.1	11.1	12.3	15.4
Upland consumed by mills 1/	287	233	283	337
Total since August 1	2,200	2,433	2,716	3,277
Daily Rate	13.0	11.1	12.3	15.3
	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011
<i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i>				
Cotton:				
Upland exports	1,365	1,540	1,221	1,574
Total since August 1	5,322	6,862	8,083	11,221
Sales for next season	94	321	245	404
Total since August 1	584	906	1,151	5,349
Extra-long staple exports	59.2	87.0	66.4	33.0
Total since August 1	303.9	390.9	457.4	433.8
Sales for next season	3.9	1.1	5.2	4.8
Total since August 1	40.9	42.0	47.2	325.5
<i>Million pounds</i>				
Manmade:				
Raw fiber exports	57.3	33.8	32.7	66.1
Noncellulosic	56.8	33.4	32.3	65.6
Cellulosic	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5
Total since January 1	108.2	142.0	174.7	250.0
<i>1,000 pounds</i>				
Wool and mohair:				
Raw wool exports, clean	410.3	873.5	263.6	886.4
Total since January 1	601.6	1,475.0	1,738.7	2,661.4
Wool top exports	41.6	55.8	0.6	3.4
Total since January 1	41.6	97.5	98.1	455.1
Mohair exports, clean	0.0	42.2	33.8	94.5
Total since January 1	0.0	42.2	76.1	257.4

1/ Estimated by USDA.

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Sources: USDA, Farm Service Agency; USDA, *Export Sales*;
USDC, U.S. Census Bureau; and *Fiber Organon*.

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

Item	Apr. 2012	May 2012	June 2012	June 2011
<i>Cents per pound</i>				
Domestic cotton prices:				
Adjusted world price	78.34	68.75	61.41	128.79
Upland spot 41-34	83.37	72.51	67.35	144.77
Pima spot 03-46	127.00	123.55	114.43	247.00
Average price received by upland producers	90.90	84.60	83.10	83.30
Far Eastern cotton quotes:				
A Index	99.33	87.95	82.10	164.35
Memphis/Eastern	102.13	90.85	84.63	180.00
Memphis/Orleans/Texas	102.13	90.85	84.63	175.50
California/Arizona	103.50	91.35	85.44	NQ
<i>Dollars per pound</i>				
Wool prices (clean):				
U.S. 56s	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Australian 56s 1/	4.11	4.24	4.27	4.40
U.S. 60s	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Australian 60s 1/	6.03	6.29	5.95	8.59
U.S. 64s	NQ	NQ	NQ	NQ
Australian 64s 1/	6.35	6.07	5.76	7.42

NQ = No quote.

1/ In bond, Charleston, SC.

Last update: 7/12/12.

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

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

Item	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011
	<i>1,000 pounds 1/</i>			
Yarn, thread, and fabric:	213,269	242,921	257,008	242,352
Cotton	47,266	51,990	57,812	56,120
Linen	16,580	21,001	19,569	17,320
Wool	3,149	3,390	4,281	3,747
Silk	604	542	617	705
Manmade	145,669	165,999	174,728	164,460
Apparel:	758,791	731,395	766,288	803,502
Cotton	443,760	428,685	430,643	484,928
Linen	10,180	9,381	10,937	11,272
Wool	14,731	15,137	17,085	14,589
Silk	8,653	8,616	9,899	10,550
Manmade	281,467	269,577	297,724	282,163
Home furnishings:	164,413	173,995	148,054	175,354
Cotton	100,501	108,381	111,390	107,330
Linen	650	630	773	555
Wool	341	305	8,448	183
Silk	86	145	1,491	135
Manmade	62,835	64,535	75,115	67,151
Floor coverings:	50,710	57,506	95,860	60,019
Cotton	6,144	7,337	6,025	6,703
Linen	12,956	15,257	14,291	17,097
Wool	7,204	9,226	227	9,790
Silk	1,571	1,648	203	1,335
Manmade	22,835	24,037	25,953	25,094
Total imports: 2/	1,187,837	1,206,201	1,267,631	1,291,056
Cotton	597,884	596,652	606,141	659,359
Linen	40,366	46,268	45,570	46,937
Wool	25,434	28,059	30,050	28,592
Silk	10,915	10,951	12,210	12,726
Manmade	513,238	524,271	573,660	543,443

1/ Raw-fiber equivalent. 2/ Includes headgear.

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Sources: USDA, Economic Research Service; and USDC, U.S. Census Bureau.

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

Item	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011
	<i>1,000 pounds 1/</i>			
Yarn, thread, and fabric:	239,435	249,053	215,806	260,444
Cotton	126,828	121,932	101,185	144,164
Linen	6,882	7,357	7,188	7,087
Wool	2,736	3,643	3,091	3,046
Silk	958	1,073	960	1,363
Manmade	102,031	115,049	103,383	104,783
Apparel:	24,289	25,163	22,205	22,508
Cotton	10,894	11,024	9,980	9,974
Linen	453	604	415	479
Wool	1,234	1,426	1,132	1,492
Silk	1,083	1,103	952	1,000
Manmade	10,625	11,006	9,726	9,563
Home furnishings:	4,767	5,100	4,338	3,081
Cotton	2,386	2,528	2,131	1,376
Linen	154	196	187	177
Wool	96	99	90	116
Silk	96	107	103	108
Manmade	2,035	2,170	1,826	1,304
Floor coverings:	32,687	31,275	28,044	30,692
Cotton	1,921	2,055	1,778	2,203
Linen	891	1,044	874	1,114
Wool	3,204	3,351	3,344	2,540
Silk	20	33	39	67
Manmade	26,650	24,792	22,009	24,768
Total exports: 2/	301,273	310,720	270,527	316,967
Cotton	142,096	137,631	115,172	157,810
Linen	8,380	9,200	8,663	8,861
Wool	7,274	8,525	7,662	7,198
Silk	2,157	2,316	2,054	2,538
Manmade	141,367	153,048	136,976	140,561

1/ Raw-fiber equivalent. 2/ Includes headgear.

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Sources: USDA, Economic Research Service; and USDC, U.S. Census Bureau.

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

Region/country	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011
	<i>1,000 pounds 1/</i>			
North America	135,235	146,201	122,628	149,868
Canada	2,959	3,014	3,325	3,215
Costa Rica	799	933	547	893
Dominican Republic	5,560	5,656	5,628	5,744
El Salvador	20,637	24,493	16,829	21,594
Guatemala	6,846	8,463	8,115	9,912
Haiti	10,935	10,777	11,826	12,376
Honduras	29,025	30,572	22,771	33,896
Mexico	41,926	46,393	39,670	46,830
Nicaragua	16,544	15,884	13,902	15,359
South America	3,593	4,269	4,221	5,898
Brazil	221	253	188	359
Colombia	1,042	1,300	1,723	1,773
Peru	2,218	2,626	2,222	3,633
Europe	9,356	10,348	10,153	10,358
Germany	682	888	829	961
Italy	1,491	1,828	1,569	1,709
Portugal	872	902	871	955
Turkey	3,939	3,974	4,393	4,050
Asia	436,542	421,610	456,737	476,065
Bahrain	1,514	2,258	1,257	1,749
Bangladesh	45,803	47,770	40,206	48,294
Cambodia	18,241	17,767	19,246	17,908
China	166,266	134,309	187,318	179,786
Hong Kong	905	441	649	1,086
India	57,998	63,429	54,720	57,091
Indonesia	25,997	27,796	26,460	32,257
Israel	968	1,011	745	1,628
Japan	1,148	1,080	1,169	1,446
Jordan	4,053	3,655	4,161	3,726
Malaysia	2,489	1,977	2,251	2,791
Pakistan	49,778	58,093	52,591	58,258
Philippines	4,775	4,550	4,917	5,751
South Korea	5,332	5,389	6,043	5,707
Sri Lanka	7,058	7,107	5,884	6,639
Taiwan	2,721	2,734	2,674	2,544
Thailand	6,521	6,010	6,359	7,897
Vietnam	33,976	35,179	38,521	40,133
Oceania	15	70	50	78
Africa	13,143	14,155	12,352	17,091
Egypt	7,161	7,746	7,039	10,242
Kenya	1,813	2,188	1,548	1,835
Lesotho	2,159	2,301	1,835	2,874
Mauritius	651	730	653	509
World 2/	597,884	596,652	606,141	659,359

1/ Raw-fiber equivalent. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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Sources: USDA, Economic Research Service; and USDC, U.S. Census Bureau.

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

Region/country	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011
	<i>1,000 pounds 1/</i>			
North America	126,902	123,245	101,248	140,062
Bahamas	80	139	281	108
Canada	9,463	10,062	8,996	8,823
Costa Rica	478	296	199	299
Dominican Republic	21,284	19,725	17,927	31,008
El Salvador	11,749	11,562	9,246	12,882
Guatemala	3,522	2,835	2,850	3,482
Haiti	654	467	630	726
Honduras	50,716	50,842	37,073	54,580
Jamaica	123	120	92	107
Mexico	26,253	24,381	21,961	25,808
Nicaragua	1,979	2,079	1,364	1,556
Panama	365	332	335	322
South America	2,465	2,299	2,418	2,949
Brazil	358	506	380	1,073
Chile	246	171	452	234
Colombia	552	506	532	488
Peru	313	345	326	280
Venezuela	681	399	527	650
Europe	2,988	3,592	2,757	4,363
Belgium	381	405	241	418
France	128	135	122	116
Germany	538	528	444	599
Italy	137	237	117	236
Netherlands	319	487	340	477
Russia	56	116	54	77
Turkey	41	23	38	256
United Kingdom	905	1,002	974	1,615
Asia	8,869	7,548	7,910	8,555
Bangladesh	28	4	7	255
China	4,487	3,210	4,076	4,391
Hong Kong	620	908	574	362
India	440	336	149	456
Israel	142	239	262	223
Japan	1,101	881	855	924
Pakistan	143	78	28	45
Saudi Arabia	136	124	125	146
Singapore	169	140	233	325
South Korea	428	547	627	454
Taiwan	131	129	120	108
United Arab Emirates	426	396	284	288
Oceania	650	671	586	740
Australia	490	516	468	582
Africa	222	276	253	1,139
South Africa	90	68	59	57
World 2/	142,096	137,631	115,172	157,810

1/ Raw-fiber equivalent. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

State/region	Actual 2011	Projected	Projected	2012/2011
		March 2012 1/	June 2012 2/	
		1,000 acres		Percent
Upland:				
Alabama	460	400	390	85
Florida	122	110	115	94
Georgia	1,600	1,400	1,250	78
N. Carolina	805	700	550	68
S. Carolina	303	340	280	92
Virginia	116	95	85	73
Southeast	3,406	3,045	2,670	78
Arkansas	680	590	580	85
Louisiana	295	270	230	78
Mississippi	630	580	580	92
Missouri	375	375	375	100
Tennessee	495	420	380	77
Delta	2,475	2,235	2,145	87
Kansas	80	55	55	69
Oklahoma	415	350	330	80
Texas	7,550	6,800	6,800	90
Southwest	8,045	7,205	7,185	89
Arizona	250	200	200	80
California	182	150	150	82
New Mexico	70	50	50	71
West	502	400	400	80
Total Upland	14,428	12,885	12,400	86
Pima:				
Arizona	10	4	4	40
California	274	250	215	78
New Mexico	3	3	3	100
Texas	20	13	13	65
Total Pima	307	270	235	77
Total All	14,735	13,155	12,635	86

1/ Planting intentions as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ Total acres planted or intended to be planted.

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