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# Cotton and Wool Outlook

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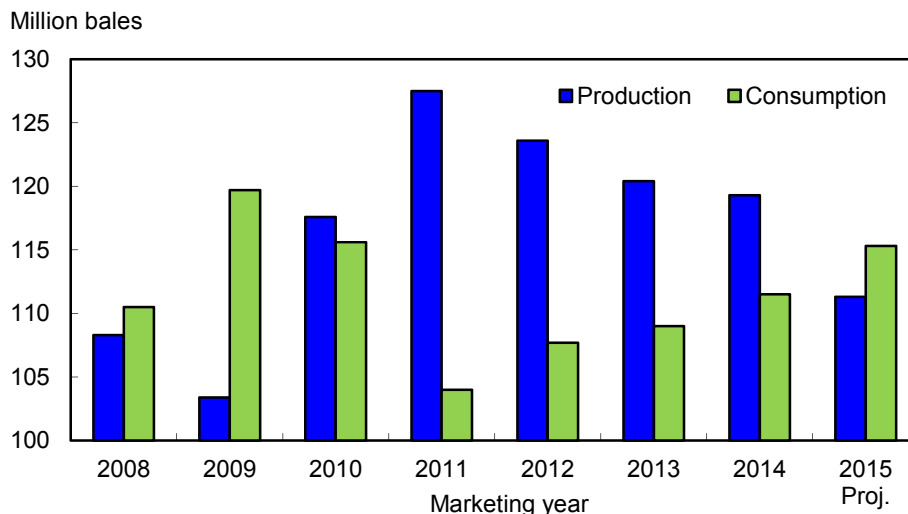
## Global Cotton Mill Use to Exceed Production in 2015/16

The initial U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cotton projections for 2015/16 indicate that global cotton consumption will rise above production for the first time in 6 years (fig. 1). World cotton mill use is predicted to rise for the fourth consecutive season in 2015/16 to 115 million bales. Modest growth in world gross domestic product (GDP) and the lagged effect of lower cotton prices are expected to support consumption in most countries. China, India, and Pakistan are projected to lead global cotton mill use and account for a combined 63 percent of world consumption in 2015/16, similar to the current season.

World production is forecast at 111 million bales in 2015/16, the fourth consecutive decline as harvested area is projected to decrease 6 percent from 2014/15 and drop to its lowest since 2009/10. In addition to reduced area, acreage shifts to lower yielding countries are also contributing to the global crop reduction in 2015/16. Based on USDA's initial projections, India, China, the United States, and Pakistan will account for a combined 73 percent of world cotton production in 2015/16, similar to 2014/15.

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Figure 1  
**Global cotton production and consumption**



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

### ***U.S. Cotton Crop Projected to Decline in 2015***

According to USDA's initial projection for the 2015 crop, U.S. cotton production is forecast at 14.5 million bales, 11 percent below the final 2014 crop estimate. Based on the *Prospective Plantings* report, 2015 cotton area is expected at 9.55 million acres, 13.5 percent below 2014. The lower planted acreage is largely due to relative crop prices favoring competing crops over cotton.

Area for both upland and extra-long staple (ELS) cotton is forecast lower in 2015. For the upcoming season, upland acreage is expected lower for each Cotton Belt region. Based on *Prospective Plantings*, the Southwest upland area is projected at nearly 6 million acres, down from 6.5 million acres in 2014 but similar to 2013 (fig. 2); the Southwest is forecast to account for nearly 64 percent of the upland area in 2015, the highest in over a century. For the Southeast, cotton acreage is expected to reach only 2.2 million acres in 2015, the lowest since 2009. Despite one of the lowest plantings of the past 20 years, the Southeast is expected to account for 23 percent of the upland acreage in 2015, a long run average. In the Delta, 2015 cotton area is forecast at a record low of 1.1 million acres, or 11 percent of the U.S. upland acreage. In the West, limited irrigation supplies have reduced upland cotton acreage to only 175,000 acres—the lowest in nearly a century—or 2 percent of the U.S. total. ELS cotton is mostly grown in the West, where 90 percent of the 150,000-acre total is expected to be planted in 2015.

While drought conditions have intensified in California this season, significant rainfall in Texas has alleviated drought conditions considerably in the State. In fact, wet conditions have led to planting delays in Texas and across the Southeast this spring. As of May 10th, 26 percent of the U.S. cotton area had been planted, compared with a 5-year average of 32 percent; Texas had planted 16 percent of its crop, compared with an average of 26 percent. For the Southeastern States, cotton plantings by May 10th ranged from 19-29 percent complete, compared with the 5-year average of 27-40 percent.

Weather conditions will continue to influence cotton plantings, progress, and, more importantly, production. The preliminary 2015 abandonment is based on the 2005-14 crop average abandonment, weighted by region; however, the Southwest abandonment is estimated well below average at 15 percent as favorable moisture occurred this spring. Overall, the U.S. abandonment rate is projected at 10 percent, compared with 2014's 15 percent. Harvested area is forecast at 8.6 million acres, 8 percent below 2014/15. The national yield projection of 809 pounds per harvested acre is based on the 2012-14 crop average yields, weighted by region, with the Southwest yield adjusted upward to near the 10-year average. The initial 2015 U.S. yield estimate is below the final 2014 estimate as the share of total U.S. harvested acres in the lower yielding Southwest region is expected to rise.

### ***Total Expected Cotton Demand Comparable in 2015/16***

U.S. cotton demand (mill use plus exports) in 2015/16 is projected to rise 1 percent to 14.5 million bales. Exports continue to account for the majority of U.S. cotton demand—74 percent—and, at 10.7 million bales, U.S. exports are forecast to equal the 2014/15 estimate. With projected world cotton trade similar to 2014/15, the

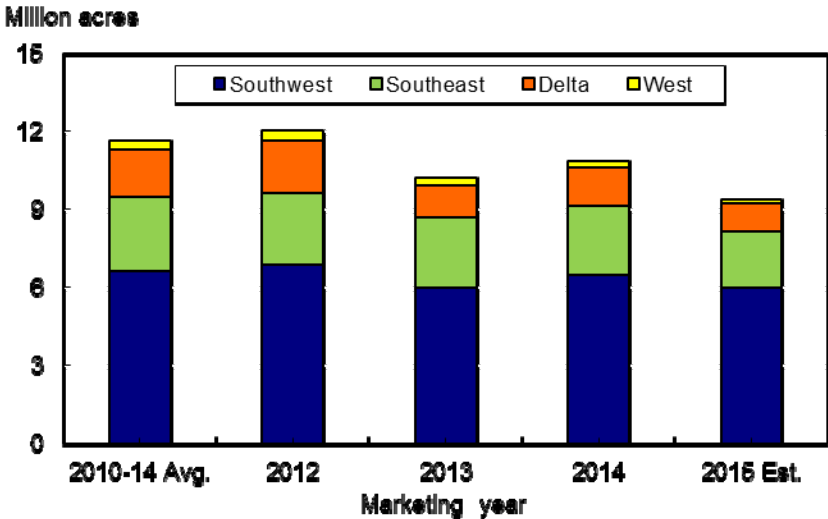
United States is also expected to capture a comparable trade share in 2015/16; the U.S. share of global trade is forecast at approximately 32 percent, the highest since 2010/11. U.S. cotton mill use for 2015/16 is projected to expand to 3.8 million bales, 4 percent above 2014/15's estimate of 3.65 million bales. Additional capacity expected to come online in 2015/16 and continued demand for U.S. cotton textile product exports support this growth.

With U.S. cotton demand projected to equal production in 2015/16, ending stocks are expected to be unchanged from the current season. Cotton stocks are projected at 4.4 million bales on July 31, 2016, one of the highest levels in 7 years. The stocks-to-use ratio is estimated at 30 percent in 2015/16, marginally below 2014/15. Based on these initial supply and demand projections, the 2015/16 U.S. upland farm price is expected to range between 50 and 70 cents per pound. At the midpoint of the range, the farm price would equal the 2014/15 estimate and remain one of the lowest since 2008/09.

**2014/15 Production Estimates Finalized in May**

U.S. cotton production for 2014/15 was revised slightly in May as the National Agricultural Statistics Service released its final cotton production estimates (see table 10). With the crop estimate slightly higher, moderate adjustments were made to harvested area and yield; harvested area for 2014/15 was lowered to 9.35 million acres, implying an abandonment rate of 15 percent. At the same time, the national average yield was increased to 838 pounds per harvested acre, above 2013/14 but below 2012/13's record. With 2014/15 supply only marginally higher and no adjustments to demand, ending stocks remain forecast at 4.4 million bales, or a stocks-to-use ratio of 31 percent—the highest in 6 seasons.

**Figure 2**  
**U.S. upland cotton area, by region**



Source: USDA, *Crop Production reports*.

### ***Global Cotton Production to Decline in 2015/16***

USDA's initial projection for the 2015/16 global cotton crop is 111.3 million bales, 7 percent (8 million bales) below the 2014/15 estimate; area reductions in many countries are expected to account for the bulk of the 2015/16 production decrease. World cotton area is forecast 6 percent lower at 31.8 million hectares, the lowest since 2009/10. The global yield in 2015/16 is forecast below the last several seasons at 763 kg/hectare.

The two largest producing countries—India and China—are expected to account for a combined 51 percent of the world crop in 2015/16, slightly higher than their contribution in 2014/15. India is forecast to become the world's leading producer in 2015/16 after equaling China's output in 2014/15. India's 2015/16 cotton production is forecast at 29.5 million bales, a 0.5-million-bale decline from the preceding year. Cotton area is projected at 12 million hectares, down from 2014/15 but near the average of the 3 previous seasons. India's yield, however, is expected to rebound from 2014/15's 9-year low.

China is forecast to produce 27 million bales in 2015/16, 10 percent below a year earlier and the smallest crop since 2003/04. Area is expected to decline 16 percent overall, with a larger reduction in eastern China as Government policies support further concentration of cotton in Xinjiang. With proportionally more area in higher yielding Xinjiang, the national yield is forecast at a record 1,589 kg/hectare.

Pakistan and Brazil are also projected to produce smaller cotton crops in 2015/16. Pakistan's production is forecast at 10 million bales, about 6 percent below 2014/15 but similar to the 4-year average. Brazil's cotton crop is forecast at about 6.8 million bales, 3.5 percent below 2014/15 as area is expected to decline to its lowest since 2012/13.

### ***World Consumption to Expand in 2015/16***

Global cotton mill use is forecast at 115.3 million bales in 2015/16, up 3.5 percent (3.8 million bales) from 2014/15, reflecting growth in the world economy and lower cotton prices. China and India remain the largest consuming countries, with a combined cotton mill use of nearly 62 million bales, or 54 percent of the world total. China's cotton mill use is forecast at 36 million bales in 2015/16, about 3 percent above the current season but equal to 2012/13. China's consumption will benefit from a reduced premium for domestic prices over world prices; on the other hand, mill use growth will be constrained by continued large quantities of cotton yarn imports. In 2014/15, China is likely to import more than 9 million bale-equivalents of cotton yarn.

India's cotton consumption is projected at a record 25.8 million bales in 2015/16, 5 percent above the previous year, representing 22 percent of global cotton mill use. India's consumption rose 26 percent between 2011/12 and 2014/15, due in part to yarn shipments to China. Cotton mill use in Pakistan is expected to reach 11.1 million bales in 2015/16, a growth rate near the world average. While mill use in Pakistan has benefitted from its role as a leading supplier of cotton yarn to China, mill use remains below its 12 million-bale record attained nearly a decade ago.

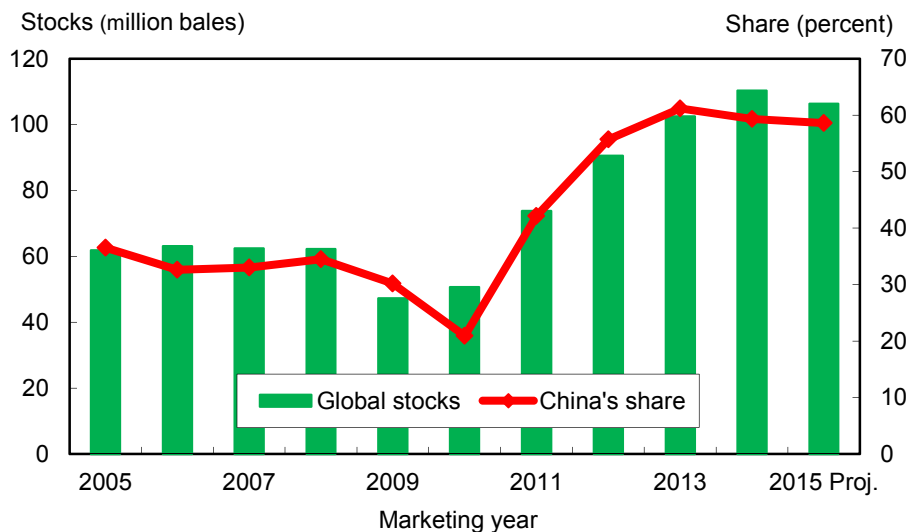
## Global Cotton Trade Unchanged in 2015/16; Stocks Projected to Decline

World cotton trade in 2015/16 is forecast at 33.7 million bales, similar to the previous season but the lowest since 2008/09. Reduced trade is the result of policies in China aimed at reducing raw cotton imports; imports by China are expected to reach only 6 million bales in 2015/16, the 4th consecutive year of decline.

The initial forecast of lower global exports represents the third consecutive decrease, but trade forecasts for the major exporters are mixed. Exports by the United States—the world’s leading exporter—and Uzbekistan are projected to remain near their 2014/15 levels. Exports from Brazil and Australia are forecast to decline 400,000 bales and 800,000 bales, respectively, in 2015/16, mainly due to lower supplies. In contrast, India’s cotton exports (5 million bales) are projected to increase 28 percent in 2015/16 following the dramatic decline experienced in 2014/15. Exports from the rest of the world are expected to remain around 10 million bales in 2015/16.

With world cotton consumption forecast to exceed production for the first season since 2009/10, global ending stocks are expected to decline from the record set in 2014/15. Stocks in 2015/16 are projected at 106.3 million bales, 4 million bales below the previous year (fig. 3). China will continue to hold the bulk of these stocks as policies to reduce them will take several years to work through more than 60 million bales of carryover. In 2015/16, stocks in China are forecast to decrease 3 million bales to 62.3 million bales but will still account for nearly 60 percent of the world total. Stocks in India and Brazil—the next largest stock holders—are also expected to decline in 2015/16. Stocks in India are projected to dip below 14 million bales while those in Brazil are forecast at 6.4 million bales; together, these countries are expected to account for nearly 20 percent of global stocks in 2015/16. U.S. cotton stocks are forecast to remain at 4.4 million bales in 2015/16, the highest since 2008/09.

Figure 3  
China's share of global ending stocks



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

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

| Item                         | 2013/14 | 2014/15 |        | 2015/16 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
|                              |         | Apr.    | May    | May     |
| <i>Million acres</i>         |         |         |        |         |
| Upland:                      |         |         |        |         |
| Planted                      | 10.206  | 10.845  | 10.845 | 9.399   |
| Harvested                    | 7.345   | 9.518   | 9.157  | 8.451   |
| <i>Pounds</i>                |         |         |        |         |
| Yield/harvested acre         | 802     | 794     | 826    | 797     |
| <i>Million 480-lb. bales</i> |         |         |        |         |
| Beginning stocks             | 3.613   | 2.325   | 2.325  | 4.129   |
| Production                   | 12.275  | 15.735  | 15.753 | 14.030  |
| Total supply 1/              | 15.894  | 18.065  | 18.083 | 18.164  |
| Mill use                     | 3.527   | 3.625   | 3.625  | 3.775   |
| Exports                      | 9.850   | 10.250  | 10.300 | 10.150  |
| Total use                    | 13.377  | 13.875  | 13.925 | 13.925  |
| Ending stocks 2/             | 2.325   | 4.180   | 4.129  | 4.229   |
| <i>Percent</i>               |         |         |        |         |
| Stocks-to-use ratio          | 17.4    | 30.1    | 29.7   | 30.4    |
| <i>1,000 acres</i>           |         |         |        |         |
| Extra-long staple:           |         |         |        |         |
| Planted                      | 201.0   | 192.0   | 192.4  | 150.0   |
| Harvested                    | 199.4   | 189.4   | 189.8  | 149.0   |
| <i>Pounds</i>                |         |         |        |         |
| Yield/harvested acre         | 1,527   | 1,432   | 1,432  | 1,514   |
| <i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i>   |         |         |        |         |
| Beginning stocks             | 187     | 125     | 125    | 271     |
| Production                   | 634     | 565     | 566    | 470     |
| Total supply 1/              | 828     | 695     | 696    | 746     |
| Mill use                     | 23      | 25      | 25     | 25      |
| Exports                      | 680     | 450     | 400    | 550     |
| Total use                    | 703     | 475     | 425    | 575     |
| Ending stocks 2/             | 125     | 220     | 271    | 171     |
| <i>Percent</i>               |         |         |        |         |
| Stocks-to-use ratio          | 17.8    | 46.3    | 63.8   | 29.7    |

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                         | 2013/14 | 2014/15 |        | 2015/16 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
|                              |         | Apr.    | May    | May     |
| <i>Million 480-lb. bales</i> |         |         |        |         |
| Supply:                      |         |         |        |         |
| Beginning stocks--           |         |         |        |         |
| World                        | 90.48   | 101.82  | 102.43 | 110.25  |
| Foreign                      | 86.68   | 99.37   | 99.98  | 105.85  |
| Production--                 |         |         |        |         |
| World                        | 120.43  | 119.23  | 119.28 | 111.25  |
| Foreign                      | 107.52  | 102.93  | 102.96 | 96.75   |
| Imports--                    |         |         |        |         |
| World                        | 40.08   | 34.25   | 33.74  | 33.65   |
| Foreign                      | 40.07   | 34.24   | 33.73  | 33.64   |
| Use:                         |         |         |        |         |
| Mill use--                   |         |         |        |         |
| World                        | 109.05  | 111.05  | 111.45 | 115.29  |
| Foreign                      | 105.50  | 107.40  | 107.80 | 111.49  |
| Exports--                    |         |         |        |         |
| World                        | 40.02   | 34.26   | 33.81  | 33.66   |
| Foreign                      | 29.49   | 23.56   | 23.11  | 22.96   |
| Ending stocks--              |         |         |        |         |
| World                        | 102.43  | 110.09  | 110.25 | 106.29  |
| Foreign                      | 99.98   | 105.69  | 105.85 | 101.89  |
| <i>Percent</i>               |         |         |        |         |
| Stocks-to-use ratio:         |         |         |        |         |
| World                        | 93.9    | 99.1    | 98.9   | 92.2    |
| Foreign                      | 94.8    | 98.4    | 98.2   | 91.4    |

Source: USDA, World Agricultural Outlook Board.

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Table 3--U.S. fiber supply

| Item                       | Jan.<br>2015 | Feb.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2014 |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i> |              |              |              |              |
| Cotton:                    |              |              |              |              |
| Stocks, beginning          | 13,087       | 12,945       | 11,812       | 8,741        |
| Ginnings                   | 1,336        | 332          | 0            | 0            |
| Imports since August 1     | 3.0          | 4.8          | 6.4          | 5.7          |
| <i>Million pounds</i>      |              |              |              |              |
| Manmade:                   |              |              |              |              |
| Production                 | 521.7        | 502.0        | 519.6        | 533.7        |
| Noncellulosic              | 521.7        | 502.0        | 519.6        | 533.7        |
| Cellulosic                 | NA           | NA           | NA           | NA           |
| Total since January 1      | 521.7        | 1,023.7      | 1,543.3      | 1,535.8      |
| <i>Million pounds</i>      |              |              |              |              |
|                            | Dec.<br>2014 | Jan.<br>2015 | Feb.<br>2015 | Feb.<br>2014 |
| <i>Million pounds</i>      |              |              |              |              |
| Raw fiber imports:         | 182.0        | 184.8        | 154.4        | 134.3        |
| Noncellulosic              | 168.7        | 170.5        | 143.0        | 123.1        |
| Cellulosic                 | 13.3         | 14.3         | 11.4         | 11.2         |
| Total since January 1      | 2,030.6      | 184.8        | 339.2        | 299.8        |
| <i>1,000 pounds</i>        |              |              |              |              |
| Wool and mohair:           |              |              |              |              |
| Raw wool imports, clean    | 420.5        | 504.8        | 800.1        | 379.1        |
| 48s-and-finer              | 266.5        | 301.4        | 542.2        | 246.8        |
| Not-finer-than-46s         | 154.0        | 203.4        | 257.9        | 132.3        |
| Total since January 1      | 7,092.7      | 504.8        | 1,304.8      | 976.7        |
| Wool top imports           | 54.9         | 303.9        | 294.0        | 243.3        |
| Total since January 1      | 3,422.8      | 303.9        | 597.9        | 469.3        |
| Mohair imports, clean      | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          |
| Total since January 1      | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          |

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                        | Jan.<br>2015 | Feb.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2014 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i>  |              |              |              |              |
| Cotton:                     |              |              |              |              |
| All consumed by mills 1/    | 299          | 267          | 311          | 309          |
| Total since August 1        | 1,742        | 2,009        | 2,320        | 2,339        |
| Daily rate                  | 13.6         | 13.3         | 14.1         | 14.7         |
| Upland consumed by mills 1/ | 298          | 266          | 309          | 307          |
| Total since August 1        | 1,734        | 1,999        | 2,309        | 2,327        |
| Daily rate                  | 13.5         | 13.3         | 14.1         | 14.6         |
| Upland exports              | 1,156        | 1,171        | 1,484        | 1,272        |
| Total since August 1        | 3,646        | 4,817        | 6,302        | 6,778        |
| Sales for next season       | 51           | 158          | 156          | 469          |
| Total since August 1        | 630          | 788          | 944          | 1,325        |
| Extra-long staple exports   | 23.1         | 29.5         | 59.3         | 67.8         |
| Total since August 1        | 107.8        | 137.3        | 196.7        | 506.7        |
| Sales for next season       | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 2.4          |
| Total since August 1        | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 8.0          |
|                             | Dec.<br>2014 | Jan.<br>2015 | Feb.<br>2015 | Feb.<br>2014 |
| <i>Million pounds</i>       |              |              |              |              |
| Manmade:                    |              |              |              |              |
| Raw fiber exports           | 41.0         | 48.4         | 48.4         | 43.9         |
| Noncellulosic               | 40.4         | 48.0         | 47.9         | 43.3         |
| Cellulosic                  | 0.6          | 0.4          | 0.5          | 0.6          |
| Total since January 1       | 611.3        | 48.4         | 96.9         | 93.1         |
| <i>1,000 pounds</i>         |              |              |              |              |
| Wool and mohair:            |              |              |              |              |
| Raw wool exports, clean     | 1,079.5      | 119.3        | 530.3        | 619.0        |
| Total since January 1       | 7,916.4      | 119.3        | 649.6        | 1,290.7      |
| Wool top exports            | 45.1         | 2.0          | 4.2          | 86.4         |
| Total since January 1       | 924.6        | 2.0          | 6.2          | 253.8        |
| Mohair exports, clean       | 146.4        | 366.4        | 38.4         | 90.8         |
| Total since January 1       | 882.8        | 366.4        | 404.8        | 122.0        |

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  | Feb.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2015 | Apr.<br>2015 | Apr.<br>2014 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Cents per pound</i>                        |              |              |              |              |
| Domestic cotton prices:                       |              |              |              |              |
| Adjusted world price                          | 48.12        | 47.76        | 49.99        | 71.37        |
| Upland spot 41-34                             | 61.74        | 60.65        | 63.08        | 85.48        |
| Pima spot 02-46                               | 160.00       | 159.73       | 152.24       | 180.67       |
| Average price received by<br>upland producers | 57.40        | 59.90        | NA           | 82.70        |
| Far Eastern cotton quotes:                    |              |              |              |              |
| A Index                                       | 70.26        | 69.13        | 71.62        | 94.09        |
| Memphis/Eastern                               | 73.63        | 72.88        | 74.85        | 99.88        |
| Memphis/Orleans/Texas                         | 73.13        | 72.13        | 74.20        | 99.44        |
| California/Arizona                            | 77.13        | 75.81        | 77.80        | 100.00       |
| <i>Dollars per pound</i>                      |              |              |              |              |
| Wool prices (clean):                          |              |              |              |              |
| U.S. 58s                                      | NQ           | 2.90         | 2.97         | 2.98         |
| Australian 58s 1/                             | 3.59         | 3.65         | 3.67         | 3.59         |
| U.S. 60s                                      | NQ           | NQ           | 2.90         | 3.58         |
| Australian 60s 1/                             | 4.09         | 3.92         | 3.97         | NQ           |
| U.S. 64s                                      | NQ           | NQ           | 3.38         | 4.12         |
| Australian 64s 1/                             | 4.27         | 4.21         | 4.34         | 4.92         |

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                      | Jan.<br>2015           | Feb.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2014 |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | <i>1,000 pounds 1/</i> |              |              |              |
| Yarn, thread, and fabric: | 269,810                | 238,202      | 307,109      | 240,592      |
| Cotton                    | 53,773                 | 45,731       | 65,041       | 48,845       |
| Linen                     | 21,706                 | 19,842       | 23,874       | 20,579       |
| Wool                      | 3,770                  | 3,701        | 4,439        | 3,834        |
| Silk                      | 563                    | 476          | 500          | 467          |
| Manmade                   | 189,999                | 168,453      | 213,255      | 166,867      |
| Apparel:                  | 870,562                | 852,275      | 947,692      | 784,918      |
| Cotton                    | 464,084                | 460,310      | 513,418      | 448,365      |
| Linen                     | 7,687                  | 9,002        | 10,822       | 9,227        |
| Wool                      | 19,863                 | 19,221       | 19,771       | 16,331       |
| Silk                      | 9,701                  | 9,761        | 11,429       | 8,590        |
| Manmade                   | 369,227                | 353,981      | 392,252      | 302,406      |
| Home furnishings:         | 217,355                | 201,404      | 257,834      | 180,101      |
| Cotton                    | 120,467                | 115,197      | 149,227      | 111,806      |
| Linen                     | 1,061                  | 1,013        | 1,138        | 866          |
| Wool                      | 210                    | 306          | 336          | 302          |
| Silk                      | 193                    | 124          | 141          | 96           |
| Manmade                   | 95,424                 | 84,764       | 106,992      | 67,031       |
| Floor coverings:          | 76,381                 | 61,620       | 81,154       | 70,621       |
| Cotton                    | 9,238                  | 7,887        | 10,592       | 8,104        |
| Linen                     | 20,456                 | 15,538       | 22,391       | 18,868       |
| Wool                      | 10,353                 | 8,381        | 10,778       | 10,153       |
| Silk                      | 2,759                  | 1,739        | 2,905        | 2,146        |
| Manmade                   | 33,575                 | 28,076       | 34,488       | 31,349       |
| Total imports: 2/         | 1,434,455              | 1,353,786    | 1,594,252    | 1,276,549    |
| Cotton                    | 647,786                | 629,315      | 738,577      | 617,348      |
| Linen                     | 50,909                 | 45,395       | 58,226       | 49,540       |
| Wool                      | 34,209                 | 31,613       | 35,332       | 30,625       |
| Silk                      | 13,217                 | 12,100       | 14,975       | 11,299       |
| Manmade                   | 688,335                | 635,363      | 747,141      | 567,737      |

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

Sources: USDA, Economic Research Service; and  
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Table 7--U.S. textile exports, by fiber

| Item                      | Jan.<br>2015           | Feb.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2014 |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | <i>1,000 pounds 1/</i> |              |              |              |
| Yarn, thread, and fabric: | 235,003                | 241,404      | 265,654      | 269,498      |
| Cotton                    | 125,109                | 131,710      | 142,451      | 138,502      |
| Linen                     | 5,795                  | 6,377        | 6,578        | 7,609        |
| Wool                      | 2,601                  | 2,480        | 3,459        | 3,028        |
| Silk                      | 1,260                  | 933          | 1,136        | 1,348        |
| Manmade                   | 100,238                | 99,903       | 112,031      | 119,011      |
| Apparel:                  | 23,417                 | 23,837       | 28,461       | 27,418       |
| Cotton                    | 10,623                 | 10,878       | 13,072       | 11,773       |
| Linen                     | 595                    | 505          | 810          | 523          |
| Wool                      | 1,208                  | 1,198        | 1,538        | 1,699        |
| Silk                      | 892                    | 857          | 952          | 1,068        |
| Manmade                   | 10,100                 | 10,399       | 12,089       | 12,356       |
| Home furnishings:         | 3,962                  | 4,434        | 4,833        | 5,975        |
| Cotton                    | 1,932                  | 2,132        | 2,506        | 2,583        |
| Linen                     | 263                    | 325          | 259          | 318          |
| Wool                      | 58                     | 99           | 88           | 114          |
| Silk                      | 95                     | 134          | 77           | 140          |
| Manmade                   | 1,614                  | 1,744        | 1,904        | 2,821        |
| Floor coverings:          | 26,648                 | 26,493       | 30,982       | 32,149       |
| Cotton                    | 1,902                  | 1,972        | 2,402        | 2,184        |
| Linen                     | 930                    | 966          | 1,366        | 999          |
| Wool                      | 1,526                  | 1,495        | 1,978        | 2,037        |
| Silk                      | 30                     | 26           | 58           | 34           |
| Manmade                   | 22,261                 | 22,035       | 25,177       | 26,896       |
| Total exports: 2/         | 289,085                | 296,232      | 330,004      | 335,101      |
| Cotton                    | 139,596                | 146,735      | 160,478      | 155,078      |
| Linen                     | 7,584                  | 8,173        | 9,012        | 9,448        |
| Wool                      | 5,394                  | 5,272        | 7,064        | 6,882        |
| Silk                      | 2,276                  | 1,951        | 2,224        | 2,589        |
| Manmade                   | 134,236                | 134,101      | 151,226      | 161,104      |

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

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

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

| Region/country       | Jan.<br>2015 | Feb.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2014 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| North America        | 109,563      | 137,760      | 153,178      | 145,330      |
| Canada               | 2,382        | 3,100        | 3,234        | 2,855        |
| Costa Rica           | 11           | 16           | 12           | 329          |
| Dominican Republic   | 4,979        | 8,252        | 9,336        | 7,980        |
| El Salvador          | 14,716       | 18,627       | 20,393       | 20,821       |
| Guatemala            | 7,397        | 8,273        | 7,670        | 8,083        |
| Haiti                | 9,838        | 13,931       | 14,680       | 15,416       |
| Honduras             | 21,167       | 29,080       | 33,479       | 30,590       |
| Mexico               | 37,136       | 38,342       | 44,262       | 41,748       |
| Nicaragua            | 11,934       | 18,135       | 20,105       | 17,505       |
| South America        | 3,782        | 3,274        | 4,044        | 4,203        |
| Colombia             | 1,291        | 1,039        | 1,572        | 1,581        |
| Peru                 | 2,239        | 2,079        | 2,267        | 2,324        |
| Europe               | 11,283       | 10,290       | 13,505       | 12,526       |
| Germany              | 886          | 942          | 1,255        | 1,301        |
| Italy                | 1,693        | 1,457        | 1,934        | 1,811        |
| Portugal             | 1,110        | 1,190        | 1,439        | 1,304        |
| Turkey               | 5,205        | 4,636        | 6,160        | 5,316        |
| Turkmenistan         | 327          | 217          | 486          | 349          |
| Asia                 | 509,866      | 465,827      | 554,041      | 441,133      |
| Bahrain              | 1,748        | 1,695        | 1,892        | 1,386        |
| Bangladesh           | 51,065       | 50,309       | 53,646       | 49,491       |
| Cambodia             | 14,788       | 14,569       | 18,012       | 20,321       |
| China                | 208,624      | 183,541      | 208,807      | 133,708      |
| Hong Kong            | 906          | 878          | 751          | 587          |
| India                | 67,679       | 64,412       | 82,891       | 64,969       |
| Indonesia            | 23,496       | 21,941       | 26,755       | 27,004       |
| Israel               | 663          | 563          | 598          | 932          |
| Japan                | 1,134        | 828          | 1,561        | 1,339        |
| Jordan               | 4,713        | 4,033        | 5,462        | 4,006        |
| Malaysia             | 2,803        | 2,581        | 3,568        | 2,597        |
| Pakistan             | 57,274       | 53,861       | 61,477       | 60,826       |
| Philippines          | 4,675        | 3,063        | 4,552        | 5,134        |
| South Korea          | 4,733        | 3,433        | 6,840        | 5,657        |
| Sri Lanka            | 9,272        | 7,466        | 9,666        | 8,664        |
| Taiwan               | 2,233        | 1,709        | 2,913        | 2,056        |
| Thailand             | 5,072        | 4,162        | 6,074        | 6,946        |
| United Arab Emirates | 859          | 756          | 612          | 731          |
| Vietnam              | 47,630       | 45,664       | 57,384       | 44,212       |
| Oceania              | 59           | 25           | 69           | 118          |
| Africa               | 13,232       | 12,140       | 13,740       | 14,038       |
| Egypt                | 6,915        | 7,318        | 7,483        | 7,606        |
| Kenya                | 2,161        | 1,986        | 2,503        | 2,234        |
| Lesotho              | 2,213        | 1,074        | 1,572        | 2,276        |
| Mauritius            | 762          | 778          | 1,153        | 846          |
| World 2/             | 647,786      | 629,315      | 738,577      | 617,348      |

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

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

| Region/country       | Jan.<br>2015           | Feb.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2015 | Mar.<br>2014 |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                      | <i>1,000 pounds 1/</i> |              |              |              |
| North America        | 122,112                | 126,983      | 138,474      | 136,405      |
| Bahamas              | 127                    | 255          | 215          | 261          |
| Canada               | 9,133                  | 9,427        | 10,590       | 9,162        |
| Costa Rica           | 196                    | 345          | 346          | 263          |
| Dominican Republic   | 15,161                 | 17,873       | 20,823       | 22,397       |
| El Salvador          | 7,865                  | 7,862        | 8,314        | 12,923       |
| Guatemala            | 2,504                  | 2,538        | 3,162        | 2,924        |
| Haiti                | 403                    | 570          | 761          | 805          |
| Honduras             | 59,345                 | 59,277       | 63,380       | 55,794       |
| Jamaica              | 33                     | 59           | 116          | 33           |
| Mexico               | 24,424                 | 25,633       | 27,766       | 29,166       |
| Nicaragua            | 2,587                  | 2,656        | 2,297        | 1,940        |
| Panama               | 108                    | 220          | 380          | 295          |
| South America        | 4,869                  | 5,734        | 5,163        | 4,773        |
| Brazil               | 307                    | 410          | 274          | 553          |
| Chile                | 152                    | 196          | 362          | 220          |
| Colombia             | 2,334                  | 2,495        | 2,402        | 2,419        |
| Ecuador              | 43                     | 102          | 119          | 151          |
| Peru                 | 1,491                  | 1,946        | 1,517        | 1,184        |
| Venezuela            | 337                    | 281          | 76           | 96           |
| Europe               | 2,514                  | 2,942        | 3,653        | 3,900        |
| Belgium              | 308                    | 226          | 373          | 416          |
| France               | 87                     | 174          | 153          | 183          |
| Germany              | 342                    | 358          | 572          | 540          |
| Italy                | 185                    | 210          | 289          | 264          |
| Netherlands          | 226                    | 231          | 250          | 467          |
| United Kingdom       | 846                    | 1,034        | 1,171        | 1,232        |
| Asia                 | 9,183                  | 10,284       | 11,872       | 8,920        |
| China                | 5,286                  | 6,089        | 7,164        | 4,393        |
| Hong Kong            | 440                    | 417          | 471          | 597          |
| India                | 219                    | 207          | 169          | 177          |
| Israel               | 86                     | 129          | 83           | 256          |
| Japan                | 809                    | 1,157        | 1,175        | 1,202        |
| Lebanon              | 116                    | 25           | 71           | 142          |
| Saudi Arabia         | 96                     | 119          | 134          | 186          |
| Singapore            | 123                    | 237          | 315          | 251          |
| South Korea          | 545                    | 579          | 736          | 584          |
| Taiwan               | 173                    | 115          | 88           | 201          |
| Thailand             | 45                     | 36           | 86           | 34           |
| United Arab Emirates | 307                    | 354          | 483          | 283          |
| Vietnam              | 237                    | 77           | 379          | 107          |
| Oceania              | 526                    | 460          | 654          | 829          |
| Australia            | 365                    | 320          | 495          | 585          |
| New Zealand          | 138                    | 130          | 130          | 186          |
| Africa               | 392                    | 333          | 663          | 251          |
| South Africa         | 42                     | 21           | 160          | 39           |
| World 2/             | 139,596                | 146,735      | 160,478      | 155,078      |

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Table 10--Final 2014 U.S. cotton acreage, yield, and production

| State/Region | Planted     | Harvested | Yield                     | Production     |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|
|              | 1,000 acres |           | Pounds/<br>harvested acre | 1,000<br>bales |
| Upland:      |             |           |                           |                |
| Alabama      | 350         | 348       | 901                       | 653            |
| Florida      | 107         | 105       | 878                       | 192            |
| Georgia      | 1,380       | 1,370     | 900                       | 2,570          |
| N. Carolina  | 465         | 460       | 1,038                     | 995            |
| S. Carolina  | 280         | 278       | 912                       | 528            |
| Virginia     | 87          | 86        | 1,239                     | 222            |
| Southeast    | 2,669       | 2,647     | 936                       | 5,160          |
| Arkansas     | 335         | 330       | 1,145                     | 787            |
| Louisiana    | 170         | 168       | 1,154                     | 404            |
| Mississippi  | 425         | 420       | 1,232                     | 1,078          |
| Missouri     | 250         | 245       | 1,117                     | 570            |
| Tennessee    | 275         | 270       | 878                       | 494            |
| Delta        | 1,455       | 1,433     | 1,116                     | 3,333          |
| Kansas       | 31          | 29        | 794                       | 48             |
| Oklahoma     | 240         | 210       | 615                       | 269            |
| Texas        | 6,200       | 4,600     | 644                       | 6,175          |
| Southwest    | 6,471       | 4,839     | 644                       | 6,492          |
| Arizona      | 150         | 149       | 1,579                     | 490            |
| California   | 57          | 56        | 1,834                     | 214            |
| New Mexico   | 43          | 33        | 931                       | 64             |
| West         | 250         | 238       | 1,549                     | 768            |
| Total Upland | 10,845      | 9,157     | 826                       | 15,753         |
| Pima:        |             |           |                           |                |
| Arizona      | 15          | 15        | 993                       | 30             |
| California   | 155         | 154       | 1,558                     | 500            |
| New Mexico   | 5           | 5         | 761                       | 8              |
| Texas        | 17          | 16        | 840                       | 28             |
| Total Pima   | 192         | 190       | 1,432                     | 566            |
| Total All    | 11,037      | 9,347     | 838                       | 16,319         |

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, May 2015 *Crop Production*.

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