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### **U.S. Cotton Supply and Demand Overview**

The 1998/99 U.S. cotton crop remains estimated at 13.8 million bales, compared with 18.8 million in 1997/98. Final production will be released by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on May 12. Based on the production estimate, beginning stocks of 3.9 million bales, and projected raw cotton imports of 350,000 bales, all unchanged from February, U.S. cotton supplies for 1998/99 are expected to total only 18 million bales, the lowest since 1985/86.

However, total demand for U.S. cotton is also projected to decline this season to only 14.6 million bales, also unchanged from last month and the lowest in 10 years. The decrease from last season is the result of the reduced U.S. crop, a competitive export market, a decline in world demand, and a rise in cotton textile imports. Based on this supply and demand outlook, U.S. ending stocks for 1998/99 are projected at 3.4 million bales. Although below last season, the stocks-to-use ratio has risen from 21 percent in 1997/98 to over 23 percent.

### **Historical Revisions Increase 1998/99 Foreign Ending Stocks Estimate**

Foreign 1998/99 production is forecast 2 percent lower than the year before, at 71.5 million bales, while foreign 1998/99 consumption is forecast 3 percent lower, at 74.6 million. Ending stocks outside the United States are forecast to rise 3 percent in 1998/99, to 38.8 million bales. As a share of consumption, foreign ending stocks are expected to climb to 52 percent this season, compared with 49 percent in 1997/98.

Compared with February, USDA's March estimate for 1998/99 foreign production is about 400,000 bales higher, largely because of an increase for China. Similarly, USDA's foreign consumption estimate is also about 400,000 bales higher, while the ending stocks estimate is about 550,000 bales higher than in February.

March's upward revision in the estimate for 1998/99 foreign ending stocks reflects historical revisions in USDA's database for Brazil and a larger estimate by China's government of its 1998/99 crop. Historical information supplied by USDA's Brazilian attache led to lower estimates for Brazilian cotton consumption in 1991/92 and 1992/93, adding about 300,000 bales to Brazil's estimated stocks. Revised 1997/98 data for Mexico added an additional 124,000 bales to stocks. Excluding the historical revisions for Brazil and Mexico, and the 250,000-bale increase in China's 1998/99 ending stocks, USDA's foreign stock estimate is smaller compared with its estimate in February.

Foreign imports in 1998/99 are forecast this month at 24.3 million bales, slightly higher than the forecast in February, but down 9 percent from the year before. Compared with February,

1998/99 import forecasts are lower for China, Germany, and Poland, and higher for Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan. In most cases these adjustments reflect recent trends in import purchases or trade volumes by the respective countries.

Foreign exports in 1998/99 are forecast this month at 19.7 million bales, about what was forecast in February, but up 3.6 percent from 1997/98. Compared with February, 1998/99 export forecasts are lower for China, but higher for Syria and Uzbekistan. China's export forecast was reduced as its recent trade data continues to show only a very small export surplus in China's raw cotton trade rather than the large surplus implied by previous USDA forecasts. The relatively low level of exports corroborates widespread reports that China's Government remains unwilling to accommodate the financial losses associated with exporting its old-crop cotton under current world market conditions.

U.S. 1998/99 exports are forecast unchanged compared with February, at 4.2 million bales. Shipment data recently reported by USDA's *Export Sales* reports remain below the levels necessary to reach this forecast, but the sales rate has accelerated to a level more than sufficient to accommodate the forecasted volume of exports and a reasonable amount of unshipped commitments to rollover for shipment in 1999/2000. Following USDA's standard forecasting assumptions, this analysis assumes a continuation of current policy, with no funding for Step 2 of the Marketing Loan Program for either 1998/99 or 1999/2000.

### **U.S. Mill Use Remains Unchanged**

U.S. cotton mill use during 1998/99 remains estimated at 10.4 million bales, 8 percent below 1997/98. Actual consumption through the first half of the marketing year indicates that cotton mill use totaled 5.2 million bales, compared with nearly 5.8 million a year ago. Despite the decline in cotton consumption, manmade fiber use has fallen further this season, resulting in increased cotton share. For the first 6 months of 1998/99, cotton's share of fiber use on the cotton spinning system has averaged 79.6 percent, modestly above the 78.5-percent share recorded for the entire 1997/98 season.

The Department of Commerce's Census Bureau today released its 1998 summary for consumption on the cotton system and stocks. Unlike previous years, no revisions to previously reported monthly data were made. Therefore, no adjustments to the 1997/98 or 1998/99 data are necessary, and calendar 1998 data are considered final.

### **Textile Trade Deficit Widens in 1998**

U.S. textile imports totaled 838 million pounds (raw-fiber equivalent) last December, 1 percent above a month earlier and 10 percent above a year earlier. Increases in cotton and silk textile imports more than offset slight declines in linen, wool, and manmade shipments. Imports of apparel and floor coverings were higher than a month ago, while yarn, thread, and fabric and home furnishings declined in December. Apparel imports, at 546 million pounds, were 13 percent above December 1997.

December textile exports declined from a month earlier, totaling 324 million pounds. Although 9 percent below a month earlier, exports were 4 percent above a year ago. Total exports declined in each major end-use category and for all fiber types. Cotton textile exports declined to 141 million pounds, the lowest since January 1998. Manmade fiber exports fell to 159 million pounds, the smallest since December 1997.

Total 1998 textile imports reached 10.9 billion pounds, nearly 1.3 billion pounds (14 percent) above 1997. Similarly, textile exports totaled 4.5 billion pounds, a gain of 244 million pounds (6 percent) from a year ago. Both textile imports and exports were records in 1998.

The total textile trade deficit reached 6.4 billion pounds in 1998, compared with 5.3 billion in 1997 and 4.5 billion in 1996. Cotton accounted for 63 percent (4.0 billion pounds) of the deficit. Twenty-six percent of the deficit was attributed to manmade fibers, while 3 percent came from wool textiles. The remaining 8 percent came from silk and linen textiles, with the latter accounting for 6 percent.

### **U.S. Fiber Consumption Rises in 1998**

U.S. total fiber mill use and domestic consumption both rose to new heights in calendar 1998. Mill use of all fibers was up slightly at 16.9 billion pounds, largely attributable to the rise in manmade fiber use as mill use of cotton and wool declined in 1998 from a year earlier. Manmade fibers now account for 67 percent of U.S. mill use, while cotton contributes another 31 percent of the total. Use of wool, flax, and silk account for the remaining 2 percent.

While U.S. mill use was up marginally, total domestic consumption of fibers, which includes trade in textile products, rose 5 percent from 1997 to nearly 23.4 billion pounds. Fueling the jump were textile imports which increased 14 percent in 1998. Manmade fibers continue to account for 56 percent of total domestic consumption, cotton contributes another 40 percent, while the remaining 4 percent is associated with wool, flax, and silk.

In addition, per capita fiber consumption rose again in 1998. After jumping an impressive 5.3 pounds in 1997, per capita fiber consumption increased another 3.5 pounds in 1998 to 86.4 pounds, a record. In 1998, U.S. consumers purchased the equivalent of 48.5 pounds of manmade fibers in the form of textile and apparel products, up nearly 2 pounds from 1997. Similarly, per capita use of cotton products rose to more than 34 pounds, the highest in 55 years.

### **Sheep and Goat Inventories Continue To Decline**

The U.S. sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 1999, totaled 7.24 million head, down 8 percent from 1998 and 10 percent below 2 years ago. Breeding sheep inventory, at 5.31 million head, declined 5 percent since January 1, 1998. Ewes one year and older declined 5 percent to 4.34 million head. Similarly the inventory of Angora goats declined 25 percent to 631,000 head on January 1, 1999. This inventory level was the lowest since statistics have been collected. The Angora inventory in Texas declined 200,000 head (27 percent) in 1998 to 550,000.

The number of operations with sheep during 1998 totaled 68,810, down 5 percent from 1997 and 10 percent below 1996. States with a decline of 300 or more sheep operations included California, Iowa, Minnesota, Washington, and Wisconsin. Three States, Colorado, Connecticut, and Oregon, had more sheep operations in 1998 than in 1997. Operators with less than 100 head of sheep accounted for 90.6 percent of all farms, compared with 90.8 percent in 1997. Sheep operators with over 5,000 head accounted for 14.7 percent of the inventory in 1998, 2 percent above a year earlier.

Wool production in 1998 is currently estimated at 27 million pounds, clean. Final 1998 wool production will be released by USDA later this month. Actual 1998 production will likely be the lowest on record and about half the level of the early 1980's. Despite lower production, raw wool imports decreased nearly 8 percent to 70.5 million pounds, clean.

Declining import demand was due to the continued weakness in domestic wool mill consumption. Preliminary 1998 mill use suggests consumption declined 21 percent from a year earlier to 113 million pounds, clean. This was the lowest mill use since 1977. Raw wool exports, at 1.7 million pounds, were 64 percent below 1997 shipments. Despite lower production and imports, ending stocks are forecast at 43.1 million pounds, clean, nearly 42 percent above the beginning level.

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**Copies of the 1998 *Cotton and Wool Yearbook* (CWS-1998) are available for purchase. For information, call 1-800-999-6770.**

**The next *Cotton and Wool Outlook* (CWS-0399) will be released on April 12, 1999.**

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U. S. COTTON SUPPLY AND USE ESTIMATES

Item	1997/98	1998/99		
		Jan	Feb	Mar
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Upland:		Million acres		
Planted	13. 648	13. 088	13. 088	13. 088
Harvested	13. 157	10. 486	10. 486	10. 486
		Pounds		
Yield/harvested acre	666	612	612	612
		Million 480-lb. bales		
Beginning stocks	3. 920	3. 822	3. 822	3. 822
Production	18. 245	13. 366	13. 366	13. 366
Total supply 1/	22. 178	17. 537	17. 537	17. 528
Mill use	11. 234	10. 290	10. 290	10. 290
Exports	7. 060	3. 970	3. 900	3. 900
Total use	18. 294	14. 370	14. 190	14. 190
Ending stocks	3. 822	3. 130	3. 309	3. 300
		Percent		
Stocks-to-use ratio	20. 9	21. 8	23. 3	23. 3
Extra-long staple:		1,000 acres		
Planted	250	330	330	330
Harvested	249	237	237	237
		Pounds		
Yield/harvested acre	1, 056	873	873	873
		1, 000 480-lb. bales		
Beginning stocks	51	65	65	65
Production	548	430	430	430
Total supply 1/	599	495	496	505
Mill use	115	100	110	110
Exports	440	300	300	300
Total use	555	430	410	410
Ending stocks	65	70	91	100
		Percent		
Stocks-to-use ratio	11. 7	16. 3	22. 2	24. 4

Based on USDA estimates. 1/ Includes imports.

WORLD COTTON SUPPLY AND USE ESTIMATES

Item	1997/98	1998/99		
		Jan	Feb	Mar
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Supply:		Million 480-lb. bales		
Beginning stocks				
World	38. 25	41. 10	41. 12	41. 51
Foreign	34. 28	37. 22	37. 24	37. 62
Production				
World	91. 60	85. 11	84. 86	85. 29
Foreign	72. 80	71. 32	71. 07	71. 49
Imports				
World	26. 68	24. 75	24. 50	24. 64
Foreign	26. 67	24. 40	24. 15	24. 29
Use:				
Mill use				
World	88. 21	85. 65	84. 61	85. 01
Foreign	76. 86	75. 15	74. 21	74. 61
Exports				
World	26. 57	24. 46	23. 95	23. 93
Foreign	19. 07	20. 16	19. 75	19. 73
Ending stocks				
World	41. 51	40. 61	41. 60	42. 17
Foreign	37. 62	37. 41	38. 20	38. 77
		Percent		
Stocks-to-use ratio				
World	47. 1	47. 4	49. 2	49. 6
Foreign	48. 9	49. 8	51. 5	52. 0

Based on USDA estimates.

FIBER SUPPLY

Item	1998		1999	1998
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jan
Cotton:				
		1,000	480-lb.	bales
Ginnings	4,014	1,843	408	559
Imports since August 1	3.2	23.2	NA	2.6
Stocks, beginning	7,694	10,109	10,223	14,919
At mills	584	559	568	588
Public storage	6,700	8,536	9,127	12,356
CCC stocks	1,251	1,946	3,530	2,092
Manmade:				
		Million pounds		
Production	779.1	760.9	825.4	901.5
Noncellulosic	751.4	735.4	800.0	867.5
Cellulosic	27.7	25.5	25.4	34.0
Total since January 1	9,508.8	10,269.7	825.4	901.5
		1998		1997
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec
Raw fiber imports				
		Million pounds		
Raw fiber imports	125.4	124.3	123.7	122.8
Noncellulosic	119.5	118.2	117.5	114.7
Cellulosic	5.9	6.1	6.2	8.1
Total since January 1	1,252.2	1,376.5	1,500.2	1,359.3
Wool and Mohair:				
		1,000 pounds		
Raw wool imports, clean	7,266	4,933	4,343	8,584
48's-and-finer	4,834	3,362	2,676	7,069
Not-finer-than-46's	2,432	1,571	1,666	1,515
Total since January 1	61,232	66,165	70,508	76,446
Wool top imports	103	179	217	199
Total since January 1	1,982	2,161	2,378	2,530
Mohair imports, clean	9	0	0	0
Total since January 1	11	11	11	21

NA = Not available.

COTTON SYSTEM FIBER CONSUMPTION

Item	1998		1999	1998
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Jan
Cotton:				
		1,000	480-lb.	bales
All consumed by mills 1/	806	722	876	979
Total since August 1 1/	3,611	4,333	5,208	5,756
SA annual rate 2/	10,226	10,247	10,420	11,397
SA daily rate 2/	39.3	39.4	40.1	43.7
Daily rate	38.4	31.4	41.7	44.5
Upland consumed by mills 1/	794	711	863	969
Total since August 1 1/	3,564	4,275	5,138	5,701
SA daily rate 2/	38.9	38.8		
Daily rate	37.8	30.9	41.1	44.0
Spindles in place	5,363	5,337	5,322	5,518
Active spindles	5,038	5,017	4,978	5,209
100 percent cotton	2,671	2,665	2,619	2,605
100 percent manmade	776	753	744	823
Blends	1,591	1,599	1,615	1,781
		Percent		
Cotton's share of fibers	80.1	80.3	79.1	78.4
Manmade:				
		1,000 pounds		
Total consumed by mills 1/	95,957	85,093	110,966	129,451
Total since August 1 1/	445,874	530,967	641,933	744,064
Daily rate	4,569	3,700	5,284	5,884
Noncellulosic staple	4,220	3,469	4,947	5,371
Cellulosic staple	349	231	337	513

1/ Adjusted to calendar month. 2/ SA = seasonally adjusted.

FIBER EXPORTS

Item	1998			1997
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec
<b>Cotton:</b>				
		1,000 480-lb. bales		
Upland exports	256	781	1,007	721
Total since August 1	922	1,703	2,710	2,383
Sales for next season	47	15	22	147
Total since August 1	134	149	171	236
ELS exports	9.0	13.7	19.9	53.2
Total since August 1	25.8	39.5	59.4	129.5
Sales for next season	3.6	5.3	4.4	2.4
Total since August 1	4.1	9.4	13.7	11.1
<b>Manmade:</b>				
		Million pounds		
Raw fiber exports	90.4	76.3	69.3	80.9
Noncellulosic	86.4	73.3	67.4	75.6
Cellulosic	4.0	3.0	1.9	5.3
Total since January 1	868.9	945.2	1,014.5	1,052.8
<b>Wool and Mohair:</b>				
		1,000 pounds		
Raw wool exports, clean	81.8	7.0	55.0	167.9
Total since January 1	1,658.5	1,665.5	1,720.6	4,732.9
Wool top exports	180.0	415.6	222.9	808.0
Total since January 1	4,918.2	5,333.8	5,556.7	8,241.7
Mohair exports, clean	337.0	316.1	404.7	393.5
Total since January 1	1,553.0	1,869.1	2,273.7	1,888.7

FIBER PRICES

Item	1998	1999		1998
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Feb
<b>Domestic cotton prices:</b>				
		Cents per pound		
Adjusted World Price	41.96	41.71	42.11	54.69
Mar'99 futures	61.95	59.28	59.95	73.21
Dec'99 futures	65.98	63.35	60.32	72.71
Upland spot 41-34	59.88	56.20	55.46	63.66
Pima spot 03-46	99.07	97.66	94.50	99.47
Avg. price received by:				
Upland producers	60.70	58.30	57.10	62.50
<b>Mill delivered:</b>				
Cotton				
Actual	67.16	64.47	63.39	69.48
Raw fiber equivalent	74.62	71.63	70.43	77.20
Rayon staple				
Actual	101.00	101.00	101.00	115.00
Raw fiber equivalent	105.21	105.21	105.21	119.79
Polyester staple				
Actual	53.00	51.00	51.00	65.00
Raw fiber equivalent	55.21	53.13	53.13	67.71
Price ratios				
		Percent		
Cotton/rayon	70.9	68.1	66.9	64.4
Cotton/polyester	135.2	134.8	132.6	114.0
<b>Northern Europe cotton quotes:</b>				
		Cents per pound		
A Index	56.02	55.78	56.26	68.68
Memphis Territory	71.25	NQ	NQ	74.50
California/Arizona	70.67	69.31	69.25	76.25
B Index	54.83	54.00	53.30	66.96
Orleans/Texas	66.50	63.75	61.38	69.25
<b>Wool prices (clean):</b>				
		Dollars per pound		
U.S. 56's	0.80	0.70	0.70	1.08
Australian 56's 1/	1.22	1.42	1.33	1.71
U.S. 60's	0.95	0.95	0.95	1.54
Australian 60's 1/	1.39	1.49	1.42	1.87
U.S. 64's	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.95
Australian 64's 1/	1.47	1.58	1.50	2.25

NQ = No quotes.

1/ In bond, Charleston, SC.

## TEXTILE TRADE

Item	1998			1997
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec
<b>Imports:</b>				
	1, 000 pounds 1/			
Yarn, thread, and fabric	218, 505	205, 990	203, 819	202, 649
Cotton	92, 789	84, 462	86, 020	86, 988
Linen	21, 063	27, 351	22, 902	25, 089
Wool	3, 907	3, 659	3, 333	4, 157
Silk	846	781	798	911
Manmade	99, 900	89, 737	90, 765	85, 504
Apparel	684, 163	540, 093	545, 979	482, 140
Cotton	401, 740	332, 027	342, 541	288, 843
Linen	17, 526	14, 864	14, 661	12, 816
Wool	29, 106	15, 286	12, 432	12, 308
Silk	12, 368	9, 860	12, 037	11, 680
Manmade	223, 423	168, 056	164, 309	156, 493
House furnishings	60, 986	49, 228	48, 220	43, 978
Cotton	43, 517	34, 142	34, 913	32, 932
Linen	242	140	151	291
Wool	149	94	210	172
Silk	47	100	23	54
Manmade	17, 031	14, 752	12, 923	10, 530
Floor covering	32, 135	29, 124	32, 483	25, 461
Cotton	4, 742	3, 411	4, 934	3, 927
Linen	3, 978	3, 801	4, 966	3, 239
Wool	9, 458	8, 942	10, 080	7, 825
Silk	492	545	572	389
Manmade	13, 465	12, 424	11, 931	10, 082
Total imports 2/	1, 003, 763	830, 876	837, 867	760, 892
Cotton	546, 859	457, 288	472, 756	416, 075
Linen	42, 861	46, 237	42, 704	41, 458
Wool	42, 826	28, 117	26, 121	24, 587
Silk	13, 753	11, 287	13, 431	13, 034
Manmade	357, 465	287, 946	282, 854	265, 739
<b>Exports:</b>				
	1, 000 pounds 1/			
Yarn, thread, and fabric	179, 016	166, 282	138, 136	146, 680
Cotton	65, 707	62, 082	47, 875	48, 916
Linen	5, 435	5, 364	3, 759	4, 227
Wool	4, 126	4, 456	3, 597	3, 783
Silk	1, 885	1, 702	1, 514	1, 552
Manmade	101, 862	92, 678	81, 391	88, 202
Apparel	191, 311	160, 395	142, 779	122, 612
Cotton	113, 786	94, 881	85, 027	72, 146
Linen	1, 834	1, 798	1, 642	1, 363
Wool	8, 642	7, 595	5, 861	5, 947
Silk	3, 995	3, 689	3, 217	3, 444
Manmade	63, 055	52, 433	47, 033	39, 712
House furnishings	9, 382	8, 375	7, 591	6, 477
Cotton	5, 551	4, 914	4, 853	3, 783
Linen	354	376	221	308
Wool	97	86	49	146
Silk	164	227	49	150
Manmade	3, 215	2, 773	2, 418	2, 090
Floor covering	39, 405	37, 336	35, 719	36, 882
Cotton	3, 533	3, 114	2, 881	3, 522
Linen	2, 227	1, 754	1, 538	2, 029
Wool	3, 287	3, 341	2, 989	3, 199
Silk	122	96	73	148
Manmade	30, 236	29, 032	28, 239	27, 983
Total exports 2/	419, 387	372, 627	324, 441	312, 892
Cotton	188, 652	165, 053	140, 699	128, 433
Linen	9, 859	9, 299	7, 167	7, 934
Wool	16, 171	15, 489	12, 506	13, 088
Silk	6, 167	5, 713	4, 853	5, 294
Manmade	198, 539	177, 073	159, 215	158, 142

1/ Raw fiber equivalent. 2/ Includes headgear.



## U. S. COTTON TEXTILE IMPORTS

Country	1998			1997
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec
1, 000 pounds 1/				
North America	231, 475	200, 712	208, 620	171, 049
Canada	20, 148	19, 127	15, 004	11, 985
Costa Rica	10, 046	8, 645	8, 971	8, 555
Domi n i c a n R e p u b l i c	21, 800	20, 830	23, 326	20, 560
El S a l v a d o r	15, 774	11, 871	15, 822	12, 725
G u a t e m a l a	10, 286	8, 321	10, 771	7, 486
H a i t i	3, 413	3, 189	3, 482	2, 419
H o n d u r a s	30, 963	23, 952	30, 958	26, 383
J a m a i c a	5, 678	5, 586	5, 137	7, 361
M e x i c o	108, 420	95, 908	91, 622	70, 993
N i c a r a g u a	4, 380	2, 783	2, 988	2, 200
South America	7, 857	7, 715	8, 375	8, 863
A r g e n t i n a	30	26	8	123
B r a z i l	1, 592	1, 246	2, 334	3, 947
C h i l e	22	12	32	97
C o l o m b i a	3, 118	3, 043	2, 890	2, 227
P e r u	2, 484	2, 930	2, 722	1, 996
Europe	33, 541	23, 589	24, 174	21, 382
E s t o n i a	949	833	915	818
F r a n c e	932	710	501	704
G e r m a n y	785	840	736	673
I t a l y	2, 901	3, 284	3, 469	3, 218
P o r t u g a l	5, 388	2, 438	1, 969	2, 281
R u s s i a	981	845	674	675
S p a i n	2, 035	1, 368	1, 207	1, 151
T u r k e y	13, 116	8, 667	9, 147	7, 643
U n i t e d K i n g d o m	1, 570	1, 354	1, 695	911
Asia	252, 271	209, 396	215, 159	195, 148
B a h r a i n	955	1, 055	1, 143	810
B a n g l a d e s h	17, 525	12, 225	11, 921	12, 250
C h i n a	32, 050	24, 788	25, 112	21, 876
H o n g K o n g	31, 381	27, 959	27, 821	26, 178
I n d i a	33, 052	25, 158	26, 605	23, 633
I n d o n e s i a	15, 397	10, 875	10, 460	12, 141
I s r a e l	2, 387	2, 353	2, 702	1, 999
J a p a n	1, 117	1, 145	1, 476	856
M a c a o	6, 250	5, 471	6, 464	4, 563
M a l a y s i a	5, 990	4, 768	5, 942	4, 546
N e p a l	834	1, 304	1, 663	1, 209
O m a n	1, 822	1, 832	1, 592	1, 564
P a k i s t a n	33, 015	28, 435	28, 788	30, 950
P h i l i p p i n e s	10, 585	9, 495	9, 197	8, 529
Q a t o r	995	1, 101	977	1, 209
S i n g a p o r e	2, 759	2, 102	2, 605	2, 276
S o u t h K o r e a	9, 621	7, 016	7, 132	5, 589
S r i L a n k a	8, 403	7, 190	6, 389	6, 433
T a i w a n	14, 627	12, 237	12, 335	9, 652
T h a i l a n d	11, 581	11, 354	11, 889	11, 203
U A r a b E m	2, 573	1, 600	1, 631	2, 018
Oceania	1, 853	836	1, 394	1, 794
A u s t r a l i a	788	675	1, 011	1, 063
F i j i	884	61	106	499
Africa	16, 731	12, 803	14, 226	13, 085
E g y p t	6, 974	5, 746	6, 256	6, 461
L e s o t h o	2, 033	1, 540	1, 722	1, 826
M a u r i t i u s	2, 698	2, 003	2, 064	1, 510
M o r o c c o	1, 393	982	1, 263	1, 011
S o u t h A f r i c a	1, 274	983	961	671
T u n i s i a	58	29	55	44
World 2/	546, 859	457, 288	472, 756	416, 075

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Country	1998			1997
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec
	1,000 pounds 1/			
North America	165,645	143,118	123,835	100,293
Canada	33,614	29,491	21,851	20,388
Costa Rica	7,702	7,603	5,177	7,323
Domi n i c a n R e p u b l i c	18,502	15,035	12,721	9,882
El Salvador	6,771	5,890	5,074	3,532
Guatemala	4,832	3,109	2,790	2,997
Haiti	2,267	1,329	2,123	2,178
Honduras	24,082	17,256	17,097	12,292
Jamaica	5,197	3,188	3,984	4,111
Mexico	60,552	58,666	50,938	36,283
South America	4,079	3,598	3,650	4,194
Argentina	131	160	182	284
Brazil	517	433	314	361
Chile	747	527	1,022	626
Colombia	1,554	1,345	1,197	1,147
Peru	99	153	133	153
Venezuela	569	602	417	939
Europe	8,599	8,246	5,114	10,928
Belgium	2,485	3,206	586	3,319
France	672	551	459	645
Germany	904	855	806	1,382
Ireland	95	114	145	628
Italy	342	356	239	343
Netherlands	567	376	497	706
United Kingdom	2,605	1,789	1,233	2,486
Asia	8,251	8,330	6,372	10,818
China	504	270	271	542
Hong Kong	1,763	1,506	877	1,212
Israel	442	847	534	1,647
Japan	3,030	2,617	2,510	3,537
Philippines	263	312	121	582
Saudi Arabia	481	643	513	772
Singapore	267	303	289	565
South Korea	199	478	285	294
Taiwan	200	235	221	308
U Arab Em	307	310	197	479
Oceania	1,154	700	749	1,040
Australia	648	501	608	783
New Zealand	81	123	71	110
Africa	664	801	784	957
Egypt	6	52	53	31
Ghana	48	43	13	19
Ivory Coast	23	33	19	22
Nigeria	130	118	233	193
South Africa	85	131	179	146
World 2/	188,652	165,053	140,699	128,433

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