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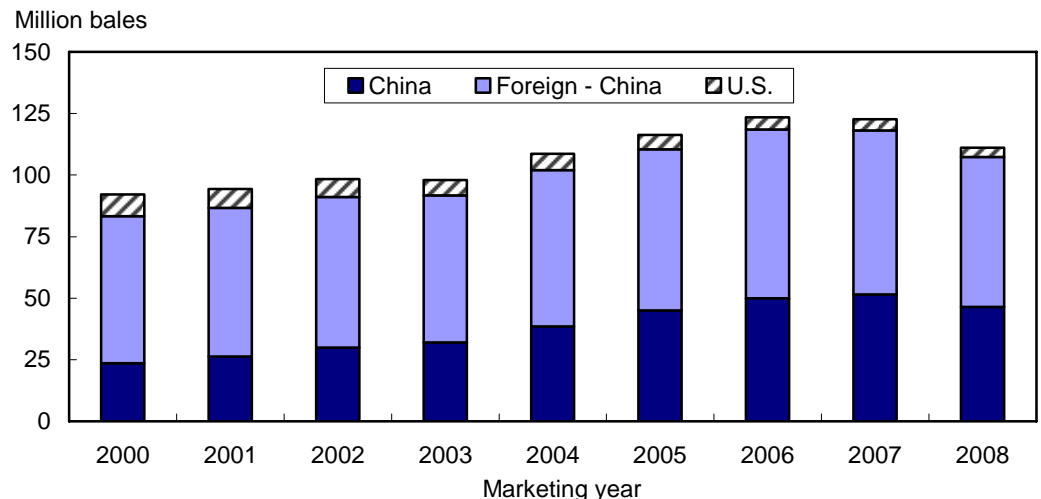
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The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cotton forecast for 2008/09 indicates that global cotton consumption is expected to decline 9.5 percent from 2007/08, the largest year-to-year percentage decrease in more than seven decades. Textile mill activity in nearly all consuming countries has been impacted by the current global economic crisis.

World cotton consumption is currently projected at 111.1 million bales for 2008/09, 11.6 million bales below last season and 12.3 million below the 2006/07 record (fig. 1). Although foreign cotton consumption dipped slightly in 2007/08—a first in nearly a decade—use in 2008/09 is forecast to decline more than 9 percent or 10.8 million bales. Nearly half of this decrease is expected in China, a country projected to account for more than 40 percent of global cotton use in 2008/09. Meanwhile, the United States is expected to account for only 3 percent of total cotton use in 2008/09, compared with 10 percent in 2000/01.

Figure 1
U.S. and foreign cotton mill use



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

Domestic Outlook

U.S. Cotton Supply Unchanged; Demand Adjusted

U.S. cotton production for 2008/09 remains estimated at 13 million bales (upland at 12.6 million and extra-long staple (ELS) at 447,000 bales), compared with last season's 19.2-million-bale crop. USDA will release final production estimates on May 12th. Based on the current production estimate and beginning stocks of 10 million bales, this season's U.S. cotton supply totals about 23.1 million bales, nearly 20 percent below 2007/08 and the lowest since 2000/01.

While the cotton supply estimate was unchanged in March, the 2008/09 U.S. cotton demand projection was adjusted upward—the U.S. export forecast was increased while the mill use estimate was reduced. Total U.S. cotton demand is now forecast at 15.75 million bales, 2 percent above the February projection, but still nearly 14 percent below 2007/08 and the lowest total U.S. cotton demand since 2000/01.

The world economic crisis has reduced global demand for cotton products and subsequently demand for raw cotton fiber for spinning. World cotton consumption is expected to be at its lowest level in 4 years while global cotton trade is at its lowest in 7 years. As a result, the United States, the leading raw cotton exporter, is forecast to ship their lowest level in 6 years—currently projected at 12 million bales. However, competitively priced U.S. cotton, along with policies of several foreign countries that have bolstered U.S. export opportunities, provided a boost to U.S. cotton sales in the past month, indicating the need for the 500,000-bale increase in this month's export forecast. With the current export forecast, the U.S. share of global trade is estimated at 41 percent, above the last 3 years but similar to 2003/04 and 2004/05.

U.S. cotton mill use in 2008/09, on the other hand, was lowered this month to 3.75 million bales, nearly 19 percent below last season and the lowest since 1900/01. U.S. mills, which supply mainly Western hemisphere countries with yarn and fabric to produce products that are imported back into the United States, have experienced the effects of the current U.S. recession, along with ongoing competition from imported Asian products. Retail sales, particularly for clothing, remain well below year-ago levels and cotton mill use data through January reflect the dismal economic situation. U.S. mills have used only about 2 million bales of cotton through January, compared with 2.3 million a year ago.

Textile Trade Deficit Slips in Calendar Year 2008

Total 2008 textile imports declined for a second consecutive year. Imports during 2008 were approximately 18.5 billion (raw-fiber equivalent) pounds, 6 percent or 1.2 billion pounds below 2007. Textile exports also declined about 3 percent in 2008 to about 4 billion pounds, the lowest level since 1996.

Meanwhile, U.S. cotton textile imports, which account for more than half of the imported fiber products, declined in 2008 for the first time in two decades, with exports continuing their recent trend lower. Cotton product imports in 2008 totaled nearly 10.4 billion pounds of raw cotton, while exports totaled 1.9 billion pounds. As a result, the cotton textile trade deficit declined to 8.4 billion pounds in 2008, down from 9 billion a year ago and the lowest since calendar year 2005.

World Cotton Production to Decline in 2008/09

World cotton production in 2008/09 is likely to decline 10 percent to 108.6 million bales, the largest drop in output since 1991/92. A significant production decline is projected in the United States where output will fall 6.1 million bales to 13 million bales in 2008/09. In addition, 2008/09 production in India and Brazil, two major cotton-producing countries, is estimated to decline 1.6 million bales each, while in China, production could drop by 1.2 million bales. A combination of relatively higher prices for alternative crops, high input costs, and credit difficulties have reduced the crop area in all three countries. In addition, an erratic monsoon has reduced yields in India.

World cotton area is estimated at 31.0 million hectares in 2008/09, down 6 percent from the previous year. Area reductions are projected for major producing countries such as the United States, China, India, Brazil, Uzbekistan, and the African Franc Zone. Together, these countries are estimated to account for 22.3 million hectares (72 percent) of 2008/09 harvested area, down 1.7 million hectares from a year earlier. World 2008/09 cotton yield is estimated to decline 4 percent to 762 kg/ha from the previous year. A significant yield reduction is projected for Australia, where the 2008/09 yield is estimated at 1,859 kg/ha, down 10 percent from the previous year, due in part to increases in lower-yield dryland cotton acreage. Overall however, 2008/09 production in Australia is expected to more than double to 1.4 million bales as growers realize some recovery from the prolonged drought.

World 2008/09 Cotton Consumption Reduced Further on Weak Economic Outlook

World cotton consumption is projected to decline sharply in 2008/09, driven mainly by the ongoing financial crisis and the resulting weak global demand for textiles. Mill use is estimated at 111 million bales, down 11.6 million bales (9.5 percent) from a year earlier. The world's largest cotton consumer, China, is projected to cut consumption 10 percent to about 46.5 million bales in 2008/09. India is projected to reduce mill use by 7.1 percent to 17.0 million bales, while Turkey, the United States, Pakistan, and Brazil are expected to cut consumption by an estimated 21.7 percent, 18.6 percent, 8.0 percent, and 6.5 percent, respectively.

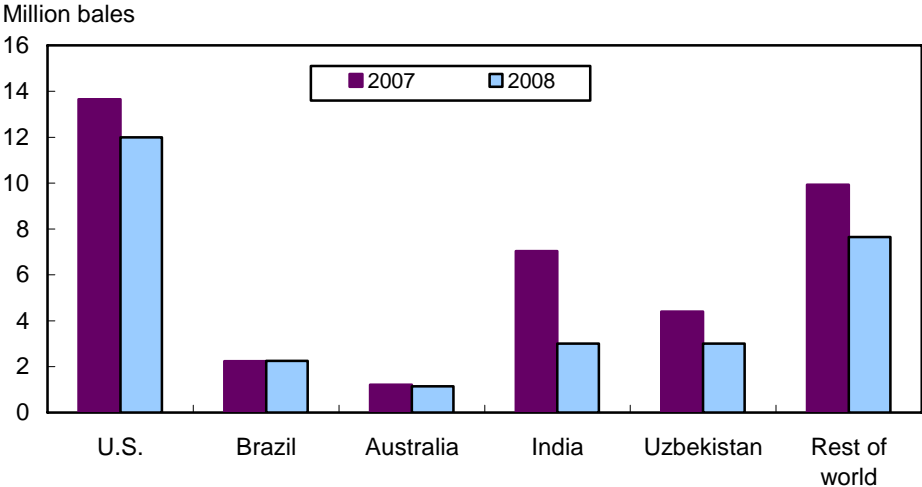
Global Cotton Trade Declining as India Exports Collapse in 2008/09

World cotton trade is projected to decline 24 percent to 29.1 million bales in 2008/09, equaling the lowest trade volume since 2001/02. The global liquidity crisis continues to weaken demand by major cotton importing countries. China, the world's leading cotton importer, is estimated to cut its 2008/09 imports by 40 percent to just 7 million bales. Similarly, imports by other major cotton importing countries, including Pakistan and Turkey, are expected to drop by about 40 percent and 34 percent, respectively.

Figure 2 shows the declining cotton trade by major exporting countries and the rest of the world in 2008/09 as a result of the weak import demand. India, until recently the world's second largest cotton exporter after the United States, will share that

ranking with Uzbekistan. Both countries are expected to export an estimated 3 million bales each in 2008/09. For India, this will represent a 57 percent collapse from the record 7 million bales exported in 2007/08. Exports in 2008/09 are also estimated to decline in Uzbekistan (32 percent), the United States (12 percent), the African Franc Zone (12 percent), and Australia (6 percent). Brazil is the only major exporting country where shipments are expected to remain stable.

Figure 2
World cotton trade declines



Source: *Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee*, USDA.

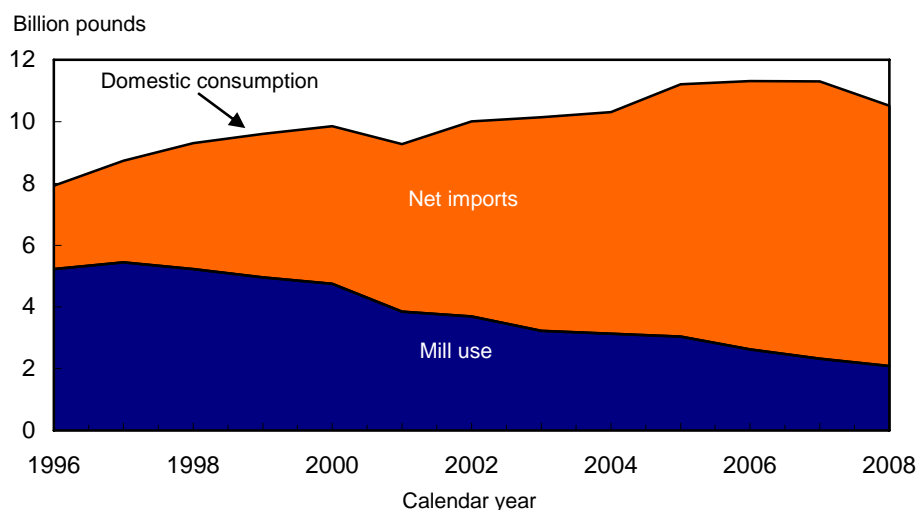
U.S. Retail Cotton Consumption Follows U.S. Economy Lower in 2008

U.S. retail cotton consumption (mill use plus net textile trade) declined along with the U.S. economy in calendar 2008, the first significant drop since 2001 (fig. 3). The recession that engulfed 2008 affected every facet of domestic cotton consumption. The slowing demand for cotton products continued the trend toward lower U.S. mill use and textile and apparel exports over the last several years. However, calendar year 2008 also saw cotton textile and apparel imports decline for the first time in two decades.

U.S. domestic consumption of cotton reached 10.5 billion (raw-fiber equivalent) pounds in 2008, 785 million pounds below the previous year; this follows a slight decline recorded in 2007. After rising from 2001's recent low, domestic cotton consumption was nearly unchanged in 2007 as U.S. economic growth slowed. In 2008, domestic cotton consumption only reached the equivalent of 21.9 million bales of raw cotton, 7 percent below the previous two years. Compared with 2001, however, domestic consumption was 13 percent higher while population growth was 7 percent.

U.S. cotton mill use, on a calendar-year basis, declined for the eleventh consecutive year in 2008; U.S. cotton mill use reached only 2.1 billion pounds, 11 percent below 2007 and nearly 62 percent below the high in 1997. U.S. mill use accounted for only 20 percent of total domestic consumption in 2008, a third less than in 1997, as net imports of cotton textiles and apparel rose considerably higher. With total domestic cotton consumption reduced in 2008, per capita cotton use fell as well to 34.5 pounds, a level most recently similar to 2002. In addition, only about 7 pounds of this total—the lowest share ever—was spun by the U.S. industry, as the global textile and apparel industry continues its transformation.

Figure 3
U.S. domestic consumption of cotton



Source: Compiled by USDA from Census Bureau reports.

Competition from imported textile and apparel products over the last decade has accelerated the decline in U.S. cotton mill use. The U.S. textile industry faced additional pressure from imported products from Asian countries, particularly China, as apparel quotas were eliminated and China joined the WTO. In 2005, China surpassed Mexico as the leading supplier of cotton products to the United States and China's share of the U.S. market has grown each year since.

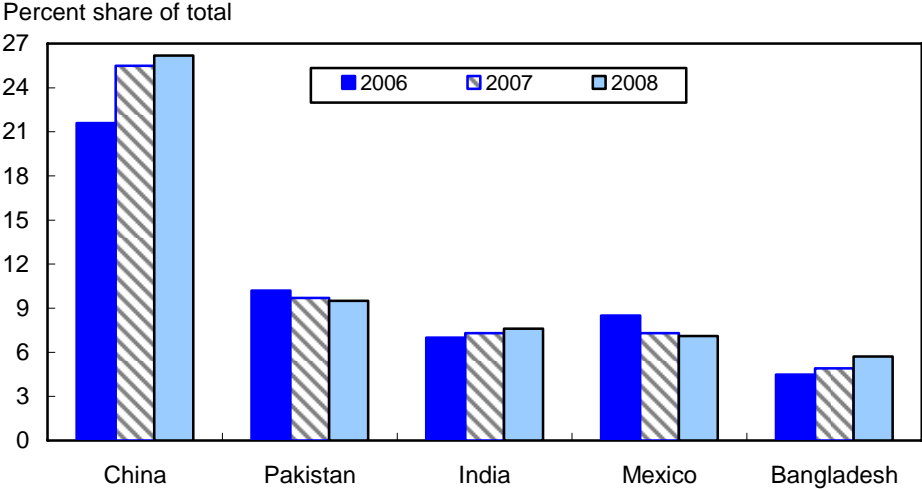
However, despite the reduction in U.S. cotton product imports in 2008, several Asian countries increased their share of the U.S. market, with China continuing to outpace other suppliers (fig. 4). In 2008, China's shipment volume decreased slightly from 2007, but the share rose to more than 26 percent. Pakistan's shipments to the United States also declined in 2008, but continued as the second largest supplier and realized about 10 percent of the U.S. market.

India, on the other hand, continues to garner a larger share of the U.S. market. In 2008, India surpassed Mexico to become the third largest supplier to the United States. Despite a slightly lower volume in 2008, India captured nearly an 8-percent share. In contrast, Mexico's volume and share have been eroding for a number of years. Imported products from Mexico decreased nearly 8 percent in 2008, while Mexico's share fell to approximately 7 percent, slightly below 2007.

Rounding out the top five suppliers was a newcomer—Bangladesh—who surpassed Honduras in 2008. While both countries experienced growth in 2008, Bangladesh saw its volume increase 10 percent in 2008's lackluster year and contributed nearly 6 percent of total import volume.

Although the United States imports cotton products from over 150 countries annually, these top five suppliers combined for a growing share of 56 percent of 2008's U.S. cotton textile and apparel imports. While the global landscape for textile and apparel production and trade continues to evolve, further concentration of global textile suppliers seems likely.

Figure 4
Leading suppliers of U.S. cotton textile imports



Source: Compiled by USDA from Census Bureau reports.

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

Item	2007/08	2008/09		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<i>Million acres</i>				
Upland:				
Planted	10.535	9.296	9.296	9.296
Harvested	10.201	7.559	7.559	7.559
<i>Pounds</i>				
Yield/harvested acre	864	799	799	799
<i>Million 480-lb. bales</i>				
Beginning stocks	9.338	9.905	9.905	9.905
Production	18.355	12.589	12.589	12.589
Total supply 1/	27.699	22.499	22.499	22.497
Mill use	4.573	4.170	3.870	3.720
Exports	12.820	11.550	11.100	11.650
Total use	17.393	15.720	14.970	15.370
Ending stocks 2/	9.905	6.799	7.549	7.102
<i>Percent</i>				
Stocks-to-use ratio	56.9	43.3	50.4	46.2
<i>1,000 acres</i>				
Extra-long staple:				
Planted	292.2	174.0	174.0	174.0
Harvested	288.1	169.4	169.4	169.4
<i>Pounds</i>				
Yield/harvested acre	1,419	1,265	1,265	1,265
<i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i>				
Beginning stocks	141	139	139	139
Production	852	447	447	447
Total supply 1/	999	591	591	588
Mill use	36	30	30	30
Exports	833	450	400	350
Total use	869	480	430	380
Ending stocks 2/	139	101	151	198
<i>Percent</i>				
Stocks-to-use ratio	16.0	21.0	35.0	52.1

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	2007/08	2008/09		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
<i>Million 480-lb. bales</i>				
Supply:				
Beginning stocks--				
World	62.82	62.31	62.35	62.52
Foreign	53.34	52.27	52.30	52.48
Production--				
World	120.55	109.84	109.51	108.65
Foreign	101.34	96.80	96.47	95.61
Imports--				
World	38.27	31.08	29.34	29.09
Foreign	38.26	31.07	29.33	29.08
Use:				
Mill use--				
World	122.74	115.24	112.63	111.11
Foreign	118.14	111.04	108.73	107.36
Exports--				
World	38.46	31.07	29.33	29.05
Foreign	24.80	19.07	17.83	17.05
Ending stocks--				
World	62.52	59.40	61.71	62.55
Foreign	52.48	52.50	54.01	55.25
<i>Percent</i>				
Stocks-to-use ratio:				
World	50.9	51.5	54.8	56.3
Foreign	44.4	47.3	49.7	51.5

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Source: USDA, World Agricultural Outlook Board.

Table 3--U.S. fiber supply

Item	2008		2009	2008																																			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.																																			
<i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i>																																							
Cotton:																																							
Ginnings	4,700	2,734	784	1,993																																			
Imports since August 1	0.0	0.0	NA	6.0																																			
Stocks, beginning	10,121	13,511	15,176	18,325																																			
At mills	162	160	157	177																																			
Public storage	9,066	12,482	14,056	16,629																																			
CCC stocks	2,443	4,032	6,689	10,364																																			
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Manmade:																																							
Production	421.4	386.5	418.5	601.9																																			
Noncellulosic	421.4	386.5	418.5	601.9																																			
Cellulosic	NA	NA	NA	NA																																			
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Raw wool imports, clean	980.6	706.8	671.5	956.3																																			
48s-and-finer	215.2	189.8	172.0	210.5																																			
Not-finer-than-46s	765.4	516.9	499.6	745.8																																			
Total since January 1	11,803.6	12,510.3	13,181.9	14,269.7																																			
Wool top imports	296.3	285.8	240.7	350.3																																			
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Mohair imports, clean	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0																																			
Total since January 1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9																																			

NA = Not available.

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

Table 4--U.S. cotton system fiber consumption

Item	2008		2009	2008
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.
<i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i>				
Cotton:				
All consumed by mills 1/	296	223	289	402
Total since August 1 1/	1,435	1,659	1,948	2,347
SA annual rate 2/	4,003	3,107	3,577	4,699
SA daily rate 2/	15.3	11.9	13.7	17.9
Daily rate	14.8	9.7	13.1	17.5
Upland consumed by mills 1/	294	222	287	399
Total since August 1 1/	1,424	1,646	1,932	2,329
Daily rate	14.7	9.6	13.0	17.3
<i>1,000 spindles/hours</i>				
Spindles in place	1,279	1,276	1,244	1,396
Active spindles	1,223	1,213	1,154	1,340
Spindle hours (1,000)	580	522	464	878
<i>Percent</i>				
Cotton's share of fibers	85.0	84.3	85.2	86.1
<i>1,000 pounds</i>				
Manmade:				
Total consumed by mills 1/	25,016	19,938	24,166	31,231
Total since August 1 1/	111,026	130,965	155,130	188,228
Daily rate	1,251	867	1,098	1,358
Noncellulosic staple	1,220	840	1,084	1,331
Cellulosic staple	31	27	14	27

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

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Source: USDC, U.S. Census Bureau.

Table 5--U.S. fiber exports

Item	2008			2007
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.
<i>1,000 480-lb. bales</i>				
Cotton:				
Upland exports	1,030	1,008	839	797
Total since August 1	3,234	3,234	5,081	5,112
Sales for next season	10	12	6	18
Total since August 1	82	94	100	213
Extra-long staple exports	13.7	5.3	6.5	78.4
Total since August 1	29.3	34.5	41.0	249.6
Sales for next season	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
Total since August 1	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.6
<i>Million pounds</i>				
Manmade:				
Raw fiber exports	51.2	38.7	29.8	57.1
Noncellulosic	50.9	38.1	29.4	51.4
Cellulosic	0.4	0.6	0.3	5.7
Total since January 1	596.2	634.9	664.7	784.1
<i>1,000 pounds</i>				
Wool and mohair:				
Raw wool exports, clean	720.6	275.0	470.0	525.5
Total since January 1	9,562.1	9,837.1	10,307.1	17,076.6
Wool top exports	85.2	74.1	9.7	10.5
Total since January 1	270.2	344.2	353.9	2,228.8
Mohair exports, clean	148.6	0.0	31.6	131.2
Total since January 1	664.4	664.4	696.1	913.1

Last update: 03/12/09.

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

Table 6--U.S. and world fiber prices

Item	2008	2009		2008
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Feb.
	<i>Cents per pound</i>			
Domestic cotton prices:				
Adjusted world price	36.76	38.59	36.73	59.10
Upland spot 41-34	42.07	44.87	41.81	65.92
Pima spot 03-46	104.00	104.00	104.00	89.00
Avg. price received by upland producers	51.90	46.10	43.60	63.00
Far Eastern cotton quotes:				
A Index	55.63	57.36	54.90	74.96
Memphis/Eastern	56.92	59.19	55.75	77.13
Memphis/Orleans/Texas	56.25	58.38	54.81	75.50
California/Arizona	62.92	63.06	60.06	78.44
	<i>Dollars per pound</i>			
Wool prices (clean):				
U.S. 56s	NQ	NQ	NQ	2.07
Australian 56s 1/	1.80	1.76	1.79	2.69
U.S. 60s	NQ	NQ	NQ	2.47
Australian 60s 1/	2.26	2.17	2.14	3.62
U.S. 64s	NQ	NQ	NQ	3.18
Australian 64s 1/	2.39	2.29	2.23	4.11

NQ = No quote.

1/ In bond, Charleston, SC.

Last update: 03/12/09.

Sources: USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service; USDA, ERS; *Cotton and Wool Outlook*; and trade reports.

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

Item	2008			2007
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.
	<i>1,000 pounds 1/</i>			
Yarn, thread, and fabric	227,527	199,872	186,713	237,470
Cotton	67,114	55,348	50,612	67,339
Linen	15,430	17,698	20,436	28,343
Wool	3,659	3,288	3,071	3,684
Silk	1,111	714	767	1,534
Manmade	140,212	122,823	111,828	136,570
Apparel	1,225,988	894,916	830,622	867,194
Cotton	748,682	576,362	536,591	560,544
Linen	14,437	10,658	10,819	12,564
Wool	41,225	19,260	12,826	14,473
Silk	11,500	8,438	9,256	11,563
Manmade	410,144	280,199	261,130	268,050
Home furnishings	283,149	223,798	191,945	219,718
Cotton	175,056	142,258	124,355	139,332
Linen	1,101	835	1,019	1,002
Wool	378	366	178	341
Silk	289	234	327	912
Manmade	106,325	80,105	66,066	78,131
Floor coverings	55,831	51,037	48,453	56,251
Cotton	8,844	7,354	7,555	8,382
Linen	11,420	9,803	9,738	10,848
Wool	11,588	11,583	11,084	13,355
Silk	1,828	1,646	1,544	1,624
Manmade	22,151	20,650	18,533	22,042
Total imports 2/	1,807,688	1,379,751	1,268,293	1,391,749
Cotton	1,003,993	784,933	723,580	781,055
Linen	43,073	39,614	42,729	53,664
Wool	57,458	34,854	27,384	32,078
Silk	14,729	11,032	11,896	15,634
Manmade	688,434	509,319	462,704	509,318

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. textile exports, by fiber

Item	2008			2007
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.
	<i>1,000 pounds 1/</i>			
Yarn, thread, and fabric	274,955	232,433	164,315	219,107
Cotton	151,414	133,453	88,262	115,533
Linen	8,370	6,656	4,751	5,546
Wool	3,993	3,111	2,621	2,516
Silk	2,138	1,484	1,149	1,533
Manmade	109,040	87,728	67,533	93,979
Apparel	29,246	27,233	21,454	24,906
Cotton	13,831	13,034	9,943	10,948
Linen	491	514	474	335
Wool	2,146	1,814	1,652	2,046
Silk	1,416	1,352	1,109	1,474
Manmade	11,362	10,519	8,276	10,103
Home furnishings	6,106	4,856	4,069	4,347
Cotton	2,896	2,340	2,026	2,440
Linen	274	239	127	195
Wool	112	124	75	85
Silk	93	99	41	94
Manmade	2,731	2,054	1,800	1,533
Floor coverings	38,155	32,066	23,591	28,444
Cotton	2,986	2,422	1,903	2,189
Linen	1,345	1,278	937	1,120
Wool	2,763	2,967	1,708	2,635
Silk	58	46	42	44
Manmade	31,002	25,354	19,000	22,456
Total exports 2/	348,864	296,909	213,727	277,036
Cotton	171,334	151,383	102,236	131,208
Linen	10,488	8,694	6,294	7,204
Wool	9,025	8,069	6,061	7,290
Silk	3,705	2,980	2,341	3,144
Manmade	154,312	125,783	96,794	128,190

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

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

Table 9--U.S. cotton textile imports, by country of origin

Region/country	2008			2007
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.
	<i>1,000 pounds 1/</i>			
North America	206,689	171,360	169,680	179,170
Canada	4,853	4,071	3,250	4,427
Costa Rica	2,224	2,080	2,113	5,344
Dominican Republic	8,265	6,583	6,999	7,102
El Salvador	27,082	20,702	21,568	22,737
Guatemala	13,123	10,397	10,692	12,581
Haiti	16,817	13,276	14,886	11,799
Honduras	51,077	43,882	44,172	42,608
Jamaica	194	203	117	224
Mexico	67,531	56,583	52,103	55,285
Nicaragua	15,448	13,517	13,769	16,994
South America	13,728	12,322	8,862	12,283
Brazil	6,333	6,984	3,739	5,737
Colombia	3,267	2,430	2,081	2,825
Peru	3,917	2,781	2,886	3,394
Europe	24,919	17,905	12,103	17,956
Italy	2,463	2,144	2,313	3,523
Portugal	3,160	2,302	1,422	1,411
Russia	91	5	18	28
Turkey	13,616	8,073	4,494	7,279
Asia	726,600	560,102	508,717	548,976
Bahrain	3,278	2,469	1,953	2,064
Bangladesh	60,309	42,028	44,376	38,781
Cambodia	31,896	24,277	17,744	24,046
China	275,354	213,582	189,202	183,787
Hong Kong	14,875	6,729	4,272	17,947
India	71,630	63,273	50,871	54,904
Indonesia	34,441	26,439	25,132	26,688
Israel	2,048	1,767	1,975	1,956
Macao	6,655	4,374	4,097	11,197
Malaysia	6,382	5,254	3,645	6,183
Pakistan	100,178	75,057	77,396	77,368
Philippines	9,010	8,072	6,958	11,342
Singapore	809	368	578	781
South Korea	9,394	6,925	6,145	8,462
Sri Lanka	10,865	9,983	9,749	11,244
Taiwan	6,053	4,045	4,252	7,425
Thailand	17,066	14,624	12,275	14,970
United Arab Emirates	1,341	924	1,078	1,895
Oceania	400	120	42	128
Australia	107	71	38	49
Africa	31,653	23,120	24,173	22,541
Egypt	12,122	10,327	10,202	9,296
Lesotho	5,158	5,067	4,811	4,356
South Africa	291	242	97	205
World 2/	1,003,993	784,933	723,580	781,055

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 10--U.S. cotton textile exports, by destination country

Region/country	2008			2007
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec.
	<i>1,000 pounds 1/</i>			
North America	154,585	137,892	91,239	117,211
Bahamas	111	135	90	118
Canada	12,518	10,041	8,014	8,641
Costa Rica	697	525	388	1,504
Dominican Republic	20,184	23,555	12,458	11,137
El Salvador	15,912	14,015	10,771	12,094
Guatemala	4,168	3,754	2,466	6,776
Haiti	854	453	431	197
Honduras	61,762	52,881	32,835	50,198
Jamaica	238	186	59	107
Mexico	35,360	29,729	21,853	24,868
Nicaragua	2,064	1,939	1,384	974
Panama	212	168	77	132
South America	4,660	2,788	1,755	3,082
Argentina	105	65	135	142
Brazil	645	437	328	907
Chile	191	375	252	269
Colombia	1,460	661	449	1,326
Ecuador	71	69	35	107
Peru	166	272	243	196
Venezuela	1,917	830	249	106
Europe	4,433	4,010	3,552	3,613
Belgium	576	454	371	651
France	171	187	152	227
Germany	735	673	896	564
Italy	178	153	200	160
Netherlands	638	613	609	313
Turkey	191	134	38	98
United Kingdom	1,100	1,281	684	968
Asia	5,868	5,553	4,779	6,114
China	1,210	1,164	1,186	870
Hong Kong	813	515	418	571
Israel	152	255	134	280
Japan	1,162	913	685	1,037
Malaysia	67	27	22	24
Philippines	30	194	27	142
Saudi Arabia	137	193	120	171
Singapore	249	243	226	293
South Korea	546	665	494	673
Sri Lanka	123	128	191	51
Taiwan	97	110	308	378
United Arab Emirates	237	229	245	255
Oceania	746	662	547	567
Australia	518	566	384	420
Africa	1,026	477	362	582
Morocco	3	10	31	5
World 2/	171,334	151,383	102,236	131,208

Note: Data are preliminary and subject to revisions.

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

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Table 11--Annual U.S. textile imports, by country of origin

Region/country	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 pounds 1/</i>				
North America	3,208,953	3,021,992	2,713,723	2,444,167	2,291,824
Canada	250,623	195,571	140,302	96,503	52,981
Dominican Republic	220,237	206,469	181,891	113,712	94,923
El Salvador	341,274	327,560	258,013	277,839	295,190
Guatemala	274,206	256,390	219,071	186,511	164,335
Haiti	93,688	129,567	142,021	142,045	157,898
Honduras	591,760	583,797	560,806	543,035	547,612
Mexico	1,210,790	1,070,915	936,907	803,761	741,495
Nicaragua	92,917	135,261	168,580	192,917	189,697
South America	258,417	267,141	234,450	192,457	149,686
Europe	569,061	425,362	334,837	294,663	214,431
Turkey	230,094	208,431	163,945	136,729	91,913
Asia	5,043,795	6,424,237	7,311,228	7,692,961	7,410,071
Bangladesh	287,287	383,406	496,902	539,035	591,247
Cambodia	189,804	231,159	279,721	316,222	313,257
China	1,040,946	1,955,330	2,363,402	2,793,129	2,725,340
Hong Kong	270,754	291,699	265,411	205,438	148,744
India	539,226	671,380	769,079	800,172	786,241
Indonesia	204,390	270,203	366,195	361,914	361,094
Macao	94,684	108,113	114,256	117,002	93,662
Pakistan	824,446	1,004,607	1,122,087	1,059,776	983,130
Philippines	150,340	176,618	199,856	155,355	115,285
South Korea	168,747	160,524	148,538	120,991	109,960
Sri Lanka	128,854	142,887	147,982	147,618	130,049
Taiwan	126,004	106,352	108,627	101,741	73,411
Thailand	208,159	217,585	215,654	205,002	191,345
Africa	400,607	349,622	350,660	347,387	314,375
Egypt	112,612	108,530	134,424	140,394	141,260
World 2/	9,523,267	10,515,133	10,959,599	10,974,530	10,382,367

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

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Table 12--Annual U.S. textile exports, by country of origin

Region/country	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<i>1,000 pounds 1/</i>					
North America	2,179,638	2,168,465	2,057,312	1,816,499	1,773,532
Canada	210,788	246,162	216,253	157,996	142,120
Dominican Republic	227,612	211,279	270,065	230,218	228,705
El Salvador	167,354	173,052	167,119	163,230	177,853
Guatemala	111,033	94,882	70,797	72,401	52,634
Costa Rica	97,038	85,986	72,334	36,477	10,830
Haiti	42,403	43,208	32,325	8,582	8,670
Honduras	573,081	608,646	603,474	675,339	726,529
Mexico	714,489	677,179	591,810	441,762	395,547
Jamaica	14,825	8,468	10,762	4,969	1,353
Nicaragua	13,537	10,606	11,328	14,855	20,882
South America	44,934	49,744	70,373	57,174	39,897
Venezuela	5,866	3,545	13,553	11,097	10,253
Colombia	26,589	30,366	38,260	28,174	14,893
Brazil	2,774	4,411	7,572	8,986	6,411
Europe	37,530	38,946	49,283	46,649	48,914
Belgium	3,770	6,012	7,813	7,286	6,582
Germany	4,586	4,571	6,265	6,958	7,890
United Kingdom	10,525	10,381	11,593	12,677	13,389
Asia	67,538	66,889	67,199	66,036	68,758
Japan	17,157	17,381	16,028	13,039	12,404
China	7,341	8,758	11,414	11,197	13,560
Hong Kong	9,482	8,082	8,358	6,281	6,498
South Korea	4,559	4,316	5,869	7,387	7,431
Oceania	5,583	5,565	6,389	6,308	7,660
Australia	4,294	4,150	5,072	4,768	5,946
Taiwan	7,654	5,421	5,716	4,950	3,183
World 2/	2,342,877	2,335,060	2,256,272	1,997,740	1,945,828

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

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