# THE <br> Cotton 

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The position of cotton is less favorable than in the past fer years. Prices of rav cotton have declined from above parity to about the loan level. The domestic demand for cotton textiles has weakened with the result that domestic mill consumption of raw cotton during the current season is expected to be at the lowest level since the outbreak of World War II, but still substantially above premar levels. The carry-over of cotton at the beginning of the current season was larger than a year ago and, because of the large crop in 1948 is expected to be even larger next year. A favorable aspect of the situation is that exports of raw cotton are expected to double those of last season and be higher than for any year since 1939.

The supply of cotton in the United States during the current season is estimated at over 18 million bales and probably will exceed disappearance by slightly over 5 million bales. The supply will consist of 14.8 million bales from the 1948 crop, the carry-over at the begiming of the season of 3.1 million bales, and imports of about 250,000 bales.

Mill consumption in $1948-49$ is expected to be about 9.0 million bales, slightly lower than for last year. This decrease will be about equivelent to the anticipated decrease in exports of cotton textiles.

Current indications are that exports of 4 million bales in $1948-49$ will be required to balance foreign production of commercial cotton against foreign mill consumption. Such exports would be the highest since 1939 when over 6 million bales were exported with the assistance of a subsidy program.

World production of commercial cotton in $1948-49$ is estimated to be about 28 million bales and will exceed world mill consumption for the first time since the crop of 1944. Expected increases in consumption over last year by foreign mills will more than offset the prospective decrease in consumption in the United States and will bring the world total above 27 million bales. Even so, stocks of cotton at the end of the current season would be nearly 1 milifon bales larger than at the beginning of the season.

The 1949-50 season is considered a crucial period in cotton since domestic prices of cotton already are at loan levels and prospects are that both the domestic and world carry-over will increase during the current year.

If farmers substantially increase their cotton acreage next year and yields are favorable, the resulting large crop could have an adverse effect on the cotton situation for the next several fears.

The Secretary of Agriculture has proclaimed that marketing quotas will not be in effect for the 1949 cotton crop but a large crop in 1949 would result in quotas being proclaimed for the 1950 cotton crop.

In this connection, a sigmificant factor to the cotton producer when making his decision whether to increase, maintain or decrease his cotton acreage in 1949, is the probable loan rate that will prevail for the crop. The Agricultural Act of 1948 provides that the Government will make loans on the 1949 crop at 90 percent of the August 1949 parity price. If the parity Index does not decline more than 5 percent from the present level, the laan level would be about 26.50-27.00 cents per pound for Middling 7/8" at average location.

## SUPPLY OF COTTON

The 1948-49 supply of cotton in the United States is now estimated to be about 18.1 million bales, or 26 percent larger than last year. The supply will consist of the 1948 cotton crop which is indicated at 14.8 million running bales, the carry-over at the beginning of the season of 3.1 million bales and imports of about .2 million bales.

1948 Cctton Crop Seventh Largest on Record
Yields and Income Largest on Record
As of October 1, the 1948 cotton crop was indicated at 15.1 million bales, 500 pounds, gross weight, or about 14.8 million running bales. This would be the largest crop since 1937 and the seventh largest on record.

This large crop is the result of an all-time record yield of over 310 pounds of lint per acre on an indicated acreage for harvest of 23.3 million acres. This yield is 11.4 pounds per acre larger than the previous record established in 1944 and 56.1 pounds per acre larger than the 1937-46 average. Last year, the yield was 267.3 pounds per acre. The indicated harvested acreage was nearly 2.1 million acres larger than last year and the largest since 1940.

Assuming that the average farm price for cotton in the 1948-49 season averages the loan rate for Middiing 15/16" ( 30.74 cents per pound) and that the mid-September price for cotton seed of $\$ 68.10$ per ton prevails for the season, cash receipts for the 1948 crop would total about 2.6 billion dollars. This wuld be a record income from a cotton crop - more than one-sixth larger than for the 1947 crop. Such an income would be 13 percent greater than the previous record of 1919.

The ginningsto October 1 , ( $5,310,000$ bales or 35.8 percent of indicated production) averaged lower in grade but considerably longer in staple length than ginnings in the corresponding period last season. The grade index was 99.2 (Middling White equals 100) compared with 100.5 in the same period last season. The proportion of Strict Middling White and higher grades in the total ginnings to October 1 was 20.1, compared with 42.0 percent last season. Middling White and Extra White and higher grades accounted for 74.6 percent this season, compared with 81.1 percent last season.

The average staple length of the cotton ginned to October 1 this season was 32.7 thirty-seconds, compared to 32.1 last season. The staple lengths, $1-1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ and longer, comprise 39.3 percent of the ginnings to October 1 this season, compared with only 21.3 percent last season.

## Carry-over Slightly

Iarger Than Last Year
Stocks of cotton on August l, 1948 were 3,082,000 bales, 552,000 bales more than a year earlier, but with that exception the smallest since 1929. Practically all of these stocks were privately-owned and 48 percent of them were held by consuming establishments. The grade index of the carry-over was 94.6 , and 53.2 percent of the total was of Middling White and higher grades. The staple length averaged 32.7 thirtyseconds inches.

At the May-July everage rate of disappearance (domestic mill consumption plus exports) the carry-over was equivalent to $3 \frac{1}{2}$ month's supply. Imports Expected to

The importation of cotton into the United States from foreign sources is not expected t'o exceed 250,000 bales, compered with net $1 \mathrm{~m}-$ ports of 232,000 bales for last season. In early 1948, the domestic mills requested the Tariff commission to substantially increase the import quota of 91,000 bales for cotton, $1-1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ to $1-1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ in lengtho However, when the quote was increased by about 36,000 bales, unly about 12,000 bales were actually imported for domestic consumption. Besed on ginnings to October $1 ;$, the prospects are good for an edequate production of the strple lengths, $1-1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ and above.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMTON

Domestic mili consumption and exports during the $1948-49$ season are expected to total 13.0 million bales. This would indicate a carryover at the beginning of the $1949 \sim 50$ season of about 5.1 million bales, 2.0 million more than at the beginning of the current season.

Domestic Mill Consumption Expected
to be pbout 9.0 Pililion pries
Lest season, domestic mill consumption was 9.3 million bales but some decrease from this level is antıcipated. Currert indications are that during 1948-49, domestic mills will consume about 9.0 . millíon beles.

In August (the latest month for which data are available) mill consumption was 729,000 beles, compared with 713,000 bales a year earlier. Because of a different number of working days, however, the daily rate of consumption in August, 1948 at 33,124 bales was slightly lower than a yeor ago.

Buyers of cotton and cotton textiles have shown increased caution in recent months and have limited purchases to immediate needs. But this is not an indication that inventories of cotton textiles at retail levels 'are burdensome or out of balance with customer demend. Prices of most of the 17 selected cloth constructions decreased in recent months. From July to August, the average decrease in prices for the 17 constructions was 3 percent. The average prjce of the 17 constructions in August 1948 was only 85 percent as high as a year earlier.

Mill margins at 46.29 cents were still high in August. This spread between the price of a pound of raw cotton and its approxirate oloth equivalent was nearly 10 cents less than a year ago, but over twice as high as during World War II and over four times the avcrage of the $1930^{\circ} \mathrm{s}$.

With the lower prices of cotton and cotton textiles and n continued high level of economic activity in the United States, Comestic demand or dơnestic consumption of cotton textiles shouid.remajn at a high level. Very little, if any, change from the levels of the last season is indicated.

Exports of cotton textiles, however, have been decreasing for several months. For the four months, April through July 1948, exports averaged 76 million square yards, compared with a monthly average of 135 million square yards for the corresponding period a year ago. At current levels of exports of cotton textiles, the season's total would be near 900 million square yards and roughly equivalent to 500,000 bales of cotton. A reduction of about 300,000 bales from last year's consumption, the refore, can be attributed to the decrease in exports of cotton textiles.

Exports May Reach
4.0 Million BaIes

Although import requirements and export availabilities of foreign countries are not definite this early in the season, the outlook for exports of raw cotton from the United States in the 1948-49 season appears to be more favorable than since before World War II.

World import requirements are expected to be about 10.0 million bales. Producing countries, excluding the united States, probably will not have more than 6.0 million bales surplus (available for export) this season. This would indicate thet at least 4.0 million bales would have to be supplied by this country. Such exports would double those of last season and would be larger than for any year since 1939 when, with an export subsidy averaging about 1.25 cents per pound, 6.2 million bales were exported.

Stocks, End of Season, Expected
to be 5.I Million Bales
If disappearance of cotton (domestic mill consumption plus exports) equals current estimates of 13.0 million bales and if the supply equals current indications of 18.1 million bales, stocks at the end of the current season would be about 5.1 million bales. This would be 2.0 million bales more than at the beginning of the season.

## PRICES OF COTTON

So far this season prices of cotton have been fairly steady at or near the loan level. Midding $15 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ in September averaged 31.18 cents per pound in the ten spot markets. Since August 9, Midding $15 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ has not averaged above 31.59 cents and has averaged as low as 30.69 cents. The equivalent loan rate of Midding $15 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ at the ten spot markets is 30.87 cents per pound. The government loan rate and the expected increase in exports, together with the small carry-over from last season, steadied cotton prices in the face of the large 1948 orop and expected small declines in domestic mill consumption.

The average price received by farmers in mid-September was 30.94 cents per pound and in mid-August 30.41. It can be assumed, therefore, that the prices received by most farmers in mid-August and mid-September were no higher and some sales were below the support price. A less likely possibility is that farmers are holding their better cottons and selling their lower quality cottons.

Prices received for cotton seed in mid-September averaged $\$ 68.10$ per ton, compared with $\$ 76.60$ per ton for mid-August and last season's average of $\$ 85.90$.

The September 15 parity price of 31 cents per pound is 0.12 cents below the mid-August parity. This is the first drop in parity since last March and the fourth drop since August 1939. The September parity price was 1.49 cents higher than the September 1947 parity price of 29.51 cents per pound:

## 1949 LOAN RATE

A significant factor to the farmer when making his decision whether to or not to plant cottion, is the probable loan rate per pound or grcss loan value per acre during the next year.

The Agricultural Act of 1948 provides that the government will make loans on the 1949 cottion crop at 90 percent of the August 1949 parity price. This parity price is the product of 12.4 cents (the average 1910 to 1914 price of cotton) and the fugust-1949 index of prices paid, includzng taxes and interest. If this index were to decline by as much as 5 percent, which seems unlikely, the parity price of cotton would be 29.45 cents per pound and the loan rate 26.50 cents per pound. This loan rate is applicable to Middling 7/8" cotton, average location.

## SECRETARY PRCCLATMS NO MARKETING QUOTAS FOR THE 1949 CROP

The Secretary has proclaimed that cotton marketing quctas will not be in effect for the 1949. crop. The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, directs the Secretary to proclaim marketing quotas when the estimated world supply of American cotton for the current crop year exceeds 107 percent of the "normal supply" as defined by the Act. The estimated supply for the 1948-49 season is slightly less than the "normal supply."

The Agricultural Act of 1948 changes the basis for determining "normal supply" beginning with the 1950 crop. The normal supply will be more flexible depending on current domestic and foreign demand for cotton.

If the acreage planted to cotton in 1949 should increase substantially over the 23.3 million in 1948 and yields should be relatively high, the re-sult would be a crop of such proportions that marketing quotas would be almost sertain for the 1950 crop.

## DOMESTIC RAYON DEVELOPMENTS

## Rayon Share of Total: <br> Consumption $1 s$ Increasing

The proportion of rayon in the total consumption of the fine fibers. (cotton, rayon, wool, flax and silk) in the United States has increased about $6 \frac{1}{2}$ times in the last twenty years--fror 2.5 percent to 16 percent. It is difficult to determine the extent to which this steady increase in
rayon consumption has affected the consumption of cotton. Since 1942, however, the proportion of cotton in the total consumption of the fine fibers has decreased each year while rayon's share has increased each year.

Per capita deliveries of rayon to consuming establishments in the United States have increased from an average 2.6 pounds in 1935-39 to 7.3 pounds in 1947-48. From 1946-47 to 1947-48, there was an increase of one pound per capita. Between these two seasons there was a decrease of about $2-2 / 3$ pounds per capita in the consumption of cotton.

The many technological improvements in rayon, favorable price relationships including a more stable price, has brought rayon into sharper competition with cotton in many end-uses. Marked improvements in the strength, appearance, and dyeing properties have been made in rayon fabrics over the last two decades. Processes have been developed for producing dull and semi-dull finishes. During recent years special finishes and treatments, crease resistance, have reduced or eliminated stretching and shrinkage, and have improved surface appearance of rayon cloth. Each of these developments has increased the desirability or suitability of rayon over cotton in some textile field. A large part of the expansion in rayon production during the last few years has been due to the development of rayon staple and high tenacity rayon. These improvements have placed rayon on a competitive basis with cotton in many classes of wearing apparel and particularly in those industrial uses where high tenacity fibers are needed.

Rayon prices do not fluctuate as widely and as often as cotton prices. The wholesale nrice for ravon staple fiber was 25 cents per pound from October 1937 through October 19A6, except for a I-cent reduction in May 1942 March 1944. Since then, prices have changed only 4 times. Similarly; the prices for rayon filament yarns have remained the same over long periods of times. On the other hand, prices of raw cotton ana cotton yarns change almost daily. This stable price of rayon is an important factor in its favor where rayon and cotton are competitive.

## Prices Favorable to the <br> Consumption of Rayon

Although both rayon and cotton prices have increased since the war, cotton yarn prices have increased at a greater rate. In August 1948 cotton yarn prices were 60 percent greater than the average of the 1945-46 season and raw cotton prices were one-fifth greater. Filament rayon and staple fiber prices, on the other hand, are 38 and 47 percent, respectively, above those in 1945-46.

The ratio of prices of filament yarn to cotton yarn is more favorable to rayon. In 1920, filament rayon prices were 7.3 times cotton yarn prices. By 1947, this ratio had dropped sharply and prices of filament yarn were only 70 percent of cotton yarn. Because of the recent decline in cotton prices, raw cotton has improved its competitive price position with rayon staple fibers since last season. However, the price ratio is still unfavorable to cotton since the price for rayon staple fiber is only 81 percent of the price for $1-1 / 16^{\prime \prime}$ Strict Middling cotton adjusted to a usable basis. In 1931, prices of staple fiber were 5.6 times those of the same types of cotton.
outlook for Rayon .
Until recently, the demand for textiles wes so great that all production of textiles was absorbed without difficulty. Price relationships and quality differentials were not always of the greatest importance. It appears', however, that textile markets are currently becoming more competitive. Therefore, rayon may become even more competitive with cotton in certain fields. For example, in the calendar year, 1939, tire fabric and tire cord - cotton's largest industrial customer - were 97 percent cotton. But by 1947, only 60 percent of all tire cord and fabrics were produced with cotton and as rayon supplies become larger, it is expected that further substitution of rayon for cotton will take place unless there is $\theta$ substantial change in the price relationship of the two fibers.

## THE FOREIGN COTTON SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

Both production and consumption of commercial cotton $1 /$ in foreign countries in 1948-49, are expected to be higher than in the previous season. Production may reach 13.2 million bales and exceed that of last season by more than million bales. Mill consumption is expected to be about 18.2 million bales or .3 million bales more than last season.

Production Expected to be
13.2 Million Bales

Exporting countries will produce about 122 million bales of the 13.2 million totetal produced by foreign countries in 1948-49. , Practically all of the exporting countries are expected to show some increase in production over last season. The largest increases are expected in Brazil, where production may reach 7.5 million bales compared to 1.1 million in $1947-48$ and in Egypt, where a crop of 1.7 million bales or more is in prospect. Last year production in Egypt was 1.3 million bales.

Production of cotton in importing countries is estimated at 1 million beles. Some of the se countries, particularly, China, and Italy, could reduce their stocks during the season from those at the beginning of the season without seriously endangering their working stocks and thereby reduce their import requirement by as much as . 5 million bales.

If the world crop of commercial cotton in 1948-49 should be as high as the 28.0 million bales estimated, it would exceed expected world mill consumption of 27.2 million bales by nearly 1 million bales. This would be the first time since. 1944-45 that production has been larger than consumption.

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## Consumption Estimated at

### 18.2 Million Bales

Foreign mills are expected to consume 18.2 million bales during the 1948-49 season. If these expectations are accomplished, foreign consumption. of cotton would exceed that of last season by about one-third million bales and more than offset the decrease in mill consumption that is in prospect for the United States.

In the minor consuming countries very little change from last season is expected. In the major consuming countries, however, where a large proportion of the textile production is exported, a net increase over last season is indicated although some of these countries are expected to have substantial decreases.

Increases of more than 10 percent above last season are expected in Japan, Germany, United Kingdom and the Soviet Union. Decreases of from 10 to 20 percent below last season and ranging from 75,000 to 250,000 bales are indicated for Belgium, Italy, and China. Both Belgium and Italy are expected to curtail textile production because of exchange difficulties of their principal export sustomers while China is not expected to be. able to secure sufficient cotton to continue at last season's level of consumption.

## Import Requirements Nearly

10 Million Bales
If importing or deficit, countries draw down their stocks during the season by as much as .5 miliion bales, it would be necessary fon them to import about 8.5 million bales to balance supply and consumption. Any, reduction of imports below this 8.5 million bales probably would result in lower consumption. The import requirements of the exporting or surplus countries is estimated at 1.1 million bales of which the greater part is for India. Although India has surplus stocks of the short staple varieties, substantial quantities of the medium and long staple cottons will have to be imported.

The world import requirements, including .2 million for the United States, is calculated at nearly 10 million bales. Foreign countries will have available for export nearly 6 million bales which would mean that 4 million would have to be secured from the United States. It is possible, if exchange difficulties can be surmounted, that the demand for American cotton will exceed 4 million bales. This is particularly true if the prices of Egyptian cotton stay anywhere near current levels.

## WORLD CARRY-OVER

World stocks of commercial cotton at the end of the current season are expected to be about 14.4 million bales, an increase of nearly $1 \mathrm{mil}-$ lion over stocks at the beginning of the season. About 5.1 million bales or 35 percent of the world total is expected to be in the United States. Stocks in foreign countries will be lower than at the beginning of the season by more than a million bales, with most of the reduction occurring in stocks of exporting countries.

Table 1.-Cotton: Estimated average price per pound, received by farmers, United states, laza to date

| Season beginnin August | :Aug. 15 | :Sept. | $\text { Oct. } 15$ | $\text { Nov. } 15$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \text { Dec } .15 \\ & ! \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Jan. 15 | Feb. 15 |  | $\text { :May } 15$ |  | June 15: July 15: Weighted |  |  | 8 <br>  <br>  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | ents | Cents | Cents | Cents |  |
| 1922 | 21.1 | 20.5 | 21.1 | 23.1 | 24.1 | 25.3 | 27.1 | 28.4 | 27.8 | 26.5 | 26.1 | 24.8 | 22.88 |  |
| 1923 | 23.16 | 25.36 | 27.84 | 29.73 | 32.02 | 32.65 | 31.55 | 28.01 | 29.02 | 28.48 | 28.09 | 27.53 | 28.69 |  |
| 1924 | 27.87 | 22.19 | 23.07 | 22.62 | 22.25 | 22.76 | 23.04 | 24.68 | 23.62 | 23.01 | 22.96 | 23.34 | 22.91 |  |
| 1925 | 23.41 | 22.49 | 21.51 | 18.00 | 17.07 | 16.89 | 17.17 | 16.44 | 16.43 | 15.93 | 16.01 | 15.44 | 19.61 |  |
| 1926 | 16.75 | 16.87 | 11.66 | 10.94 | 10.06 | 10.58 | 11.55 | 12.53 | 12.60 | 14.15 | 14.80 | 15.49 | 12.47 |  |
| 1927 | 17.47 | 22.61 | 20.97 | 20.09 | 18.76 | 18.58 | 17.08 | 17.87 | 18.81 | 20.09 | 19.68 | 21.02 | 20.19 |  |
| 1928 | 18.36 | 17.44 | 18. 11 | 17.83 | 18.07 | 17.99 | 18.13 | 18.92 | 18.59 | 17.95 | 18,04 | 17.75 | 17.98 |  |
| 1929 | 17.92 | 18.20 | 17.57 | 16.31. | 16.06 | 15.93 | 14.92 | 13.85 | 14.82 | 14.54 | 14.02 | 11.92 | 16.78 |  |
| 1930 | 11.25 | - 9.86 | 9.16 | 9.63 | 8.73 | 8.76 | 9.32 | 9.56 | 9.35 | 8.92 | 7.69 | 8.45 | 9.46 |  |
| 1931 | 6.07 | 5.89 | 5.21 | 6.02 | 5.49 | 5.68 | 5.91 | 6.26 | 5.83 | 5.26 | 4.62 | 5.07 | 5.66 |  |
| 1932 | 6.51 | 7.13 | 6.32 | 5.90 | 5.38 | 5.65 | 5.57 | 6.15 | 6.27 | 8.30 | 8.90 | 10.68 | 6.52 |  |
| 1933 | 8.80 | 8.81 | 8.99 | 9.59 | 9.66 | 10.36 | 11.85 | 11.84 | 11.65 | 11.06 | 11.65 | 12.29 | 1/10.17 |  |
| 1934 | 13.02 | 13.13 | 12.56 | 12.38 | 12.45, | 12.55 | 12.37 | 11.50 | 11.66 | 12.03 | 11.75 | 11.89 | 1/12.36 | $\bigcirc$ |
| 1935 | 11.44 | 10.55 | 10.88 | 11.51 | 11.37 | 11.10 | 11.02 | 11,14 | 11.19 | 11.37 | 11.38 | 12.62 | 11.09 |  |
| 1936 | 12.29 | 12.55 | 12.23 | 12.01 | 12.37 | 12.45 | 12.58 | 13.69 | 13.72 | 12.93 | 12.47 | 12.39 | 12.36 |  |
| 1937 | 10.56 | 8.97 | 8.27 | 8.17 | 8.00 | 7.81 | 7.80 | 7.93 | 8.07 | 8.08 | 8.28 | 8.63 | 1/ 8.41 |  |
| 1938 | 8.03 | 8.29 | 8.76 | 8.70 | 8.63 | 8.68 | 8.57 | 8.43 | 8.45 | 8.59 | 8.68 | 8.89 | I/ 8.60 |  |
| 1939 | 9.94 | 9.32 | 8.56 | 8.71 | 9.43 | 10.12 | 10.06 | 10.19 | 9.96 | 9.81 | 10.00 | 11.60 | 9.09 |  |
| 1940 | : 9.07 | 9.27 | 9.43 | 9.39 | 9.37 | 9.37 | 9.66 | 9.58 | 10.13 | 11.48 | 12.70 | 14.25 | / 9.89 |  |
| 1941 | : 15.47 | 17.69 | 16.71 | 15.89 | 16.35 | 17.82 | 18.28 | 18.01 | 18.82 | 18.78 | 17.91 | 18.44 | $\underline{2} / 17.03$ |  |
| 1942 | 18.03 | 18.59 | 18.87. | 19.22 | 19.55 | 19.74 | 19.68 | 19.91 | 20.13 | 20.09 | 19.96 | 19.60 | 2/19.04 |  |
| 1943 | 19.81 | 20.20 | 20.28 | 19.40 | 19.85 | 20.15 | 19.93 | 19.97 | 20.24 | 19.80 | 20.16 | 20.32 | $\underline{2} / 19.88$ |  |
| 1944 | : 20.15 | 21.02 | 21.25 | 20.78 | 20.85 | 20.20 | 19.99 | 20.24 | 20.20 | 20.51 | 20.90 | 21.25 | 2/20.73 |  |
| 1945 | : 21.33 | 21.72 | 22.26 | 22.52 | 22.80 | 22.36 | 23.01 | 22.70 | 23.59 | 24.09 | 25.98 | 30.83 | 2/22.52 |  |
| 1946 | : 33.55 | 35.30 | 37.69 | 29.23 | 29.98 | 29.74 | 30.56. | 31.89 | 32.26 | 33.50 | 34.07 | 35.88 | 2/32.64 |  |
| 1947 | 33.15 | 31.21 | 30.65 | 31.87 | 34.06 | 33.14 | 30.71 | 31.77 | 34.10 | 35.27 | 35.22 | 32.99 | 31.93 |  |
| 1948 | $30: 41$ | 30.94 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1/ Includes unredeemed loan cotton at estimated average loan value.
Includes an allowance for unredeemed loans at seasons average price.
Compiled from reports of the Crop Reporting Board.

Table 2.-Cotton: Parity price per pound, United States, January 1923 to date
(Base period August 1909-July 1914 price of cotton was 12.4 cents per pound)


Table 3.- Cotton: Exports from the United States to specified countries, average 1935-39, 1940-44, and annual 1945-47

| Country of destination | Year beginning August 1 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Average } \\ & 1935-39: \end{aligned}$ | Average : $1940-44=$ | $\begin{gathered} 1945 \\ 1 / \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} 1946 \\ 1 / \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1947 \\ 21 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| : | Running | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Running } \\ & \text { bales } \end{aligned}$ | Running bales | $\begin{gathered} \text { Running } \\ \text { bales } \end{gathered}$ | Running bales |
| United Kịngdom | 1,282,400 | 700,993 | 287,138 | 469,161 | 256,705 |
| Albania | 0 | 0 | 3,995 | 0 | 0 |
| Austria'................... | 160 | 0 | $\because 0$ | 3,537 | 2,571 |
| Belgium and Luxemburg .... | 157,776 | 14.459 | 70,966 | 175,957 | 50,439 |
| Czechoslovakia ...e.......: | 60,700 | 5,421 | 68,.917 | 96,605 | 21,000 |
| Denmark ................... | 31,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,100 |
| Eire ......0.0.0.:0......... | 0 | 0 | 0 | - 250 | 500 |
| Estonia ................... | 8,860 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Finland | 32,460 | 5,1.49 | 15,743 | 22,097 | 25,550 |
| Prance | 622,815 | 87,797 | 768,493 | 379,750 | 205,805 |
| Germany ................... | 481,881 | 0 | 6,208 | 198,144 | 247,439 |
| Gibraltar ................. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| Greece | 3,088 | 4,567 | 27,932 | 10,130 | 1,135 |
| Hungary | 4,520 | 0 | 0 | 10 | - 200 |
| Italy . | 420,251 | 0 | 499:583 | 441,650 | 66,998 |
| Latvia | 6,540 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Netherlands ...............: | 99,802 | 4,188 | 45,945 | 112,131 | 32,930 |
| Norway . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 15,747 | 1,023 | 650 | 4,300 | 2,730 |
| Poland and Danzig ........: | 168,000 | 5,222 | 92,346 | 46,347 | 47,065 |
| Portugal | 33,761 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spain ..................... | 99,173 | 110,941 | 154,463 | 40,510 | 2,496 |
| Sweden - | 108,100 | 15,829 | 2,304 | 21,920 | 5,876 |
| Switzerland | 9,960 | 4,205 | 26,396 | 18,918 | 2,461 |
| U.S.S.R. - | - 292 | 27,811 | - 0 | - 0 | 2,4010 |
| Yugoslavia | 16,040 | 4,697 | 90,107 | 73,108 | 0 |
| Other Europe ............. | 3,354 | - 0 | - 0 | , 0 | 0 |
| Total Europe . ............. | 3,666,880 | 992,407 | 2,161,186 | 2,114,615 | 975,000 |
| Canada | 288,471 | 276,275 | 310,302 | 308,340 | 136,089 |
| Nexico .................... | 288,4 | 276, 15 | - 0 | 308,340 | 136,08 24 |
| Cuba ${ }^{\text {. }}$. | $3 /$ | $3 /$ | 6,077 | 33,192 | 12,502 |
| India | $3 /$ | $3 /$ | 0 | 1,400 | 1,200 |
| India | 50,701 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 19,954 |
| Japan | 113.410 | 21,472 | 691,355 | 552,453 | 292,700 |
| Hong Kong | 1,099,742 | 26,749 | 361,637 | 504,414 | 449,107 |
| Australia | 20 | 8 | 100 12.457 | 1,700 | 0 |
| Palestine | $\frac{3}{3 /}$ | $\frac{3}{3 /}$ | 12,451 | 9,093 | 9,986 |
| French Indo China | $\frac{3}{3 /}$ |  | 365 | 2,205 | 2,589 |
| Korea ........... | $\frac{3}{3 /}$ | 3/ | 3,100 | 5,300 | 4,000 |
| Other countries $\ldots \ldots \ldots 0 \cdot 0$ : | 80,926 | 38,801 | 0 5,950 | 0 11,327 | $\begin{array}{r} 58,667 \\ 6,152 \end{array}$ |
| World total ...............: | 5,300,150 | 1,355,927 | 3,552,723 | 3,544,040 | 1,967,970 |

1 Excludes War Department shipments. $2 /$ Preliminary; includes Army Civilian
Supply Exports. 3/If any, included in "all others."
Compiled from reports of the Bureau of the Census.

Table 4.- Cotton Prices: Comparison between American and foreign growths in specified locations; average 1935-39 annually 1940-47 and by months, Aluguist 1947 to date

| Season : Mid. beginning:15/16" August 1 :at New and month:Orleans |  | Type 5 at <br> SaO Paulo, Brazil |  | : Mid. 15/16* <br> : at Torreon <br> : Mexico |  | Jarilla at Bombay, India |  | Type B at Buenos Aires |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | :Actual | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Below } \\ & 15 / 16^{\prime \prime} \\ & \text { :at New } \\ & \text { Orleans } \end{aligned}$ |  | Below |  | Below |  |  | Below |
|  |  | Actual |  | 15/16" | :Actual: | 15/16" | Actual |  | 15/16" |
|  | : |  |  |  | at New |  | at New |  |  | at New |
|  | : |  |  |  | Orleans |  | Orleans |  |  | Orlesns |
|  | : Cents |  | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents | Cents. | Cents |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1935-39 | : 10.80 | 10.37 | 0.43 | 11.52 | t. 72 | 8.31 | 2.49 | 12.18 |  | 1.38 |
| 1940 | : 11.06 | 6.91 | 4.15 | 11.32 | 7.26 | 6.62 | 4.44 | 11.61 |  | . 55 |
| 1941 | : 18.17 | 8.42 | 9.75 | 14.68 | 3.49 | 1/6.59 | 11.58 | 15.45 |  | 2.72 |
| 1942 | : 19.96 | 11.08 | 8.88 | 17.40 | 2.56 | - 21 | . $2 /$ | 13.83 |  | 6.13 |
| 1943 | : 20.44 | 13.15 | 7.29 | 19.60 | . 84 | 2/. | .2/. | 13.72 |  | 6.72 |
| 1944 | : 21.69 | 14.10 | 7.59 | 18.17 | 3.52 | 3/16.50 | 5.19 | 15.28 |  | 6.11 |
| 1945 | : 25.82 | 17.93 | 7.89 | 19.41 | 6.41 | 16.43 | 9.39 | 20.43 |  | 5.39 |
| 1946 | : 34.65 | 25.88 | 8.77 | 28.34 | 6.31 | 16.81 | 17.84 | 30.14 |  | 4.51 |
| 1947 | : 34.41 | 28.44 | 5.97 | 30.08 | 4.33 | 21.47 | 12.94 | 37.53. |  | 3.12 |
|  | : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1947 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | : 34.02 | 25.58 | 8.44 | 26.60 | 7.42 | 16.55 | 17.47 | 34.98 |  | . 96 |
| Sept. | 31.37 | 25.62 | 5.75 | 26.63 | 4.74 | 16.62 | 14.75 | 34.98 |  | 3.61 |
| Oct. | : 31.55 | 25.95 | 5.60 | 25.95 | 5.60 | 16.72 | 14.83 | 34.98 |  | 3.43 |
| Nov. | : 33.42 | 27.35 | 6.07 | 26.43 | 6.99 | 17.16 | 16.26 | 34.98 |  | 1.56 |
| Dec. | : 35.63 | 29.41 | 6.22 | 28.10 | 7.53 | 17.79 | 17.84 | 34.98 |  | . 65 |
| Jan. | : 34.98 | 29.37 | 5.61 | 28.89 | 6.09 | 20.09 | 14.89 | 35.46 |  | . 48 |
| Feb. | : 32.62 | 28.26 | 4.36 | 31.45 | 1.17 | 22.27 | 10.35 | . 36.94 |  | 4.32 |
| March | : 33.99 | 28.18 | 5.81 | 33.88 | .11 | 23.14 | 10.85 | 37.88 |  | 3.89 |
| April | : 37.03 | 29.30 | 7.73 | 33.89 | 3.14 | 26.02 | 11.01 | 38.30 |  | 1.27 |
| May | : 37.51 | 30.56 | 6,95 | 33.88 | 3.63 | 28.72 | 8.79 | 41.63 |  | 4.12 |
| June | : 37.14 | 30.71 | 6.43 | 33.73 | . 3.41 | 27.05 | 10.09 | 42.54 |  | 5.40 |
| July | ; 33.70 | 30.96 | 2.74. | 31.51 | 2.19 | 25.47 | 8.23 | 42.68, |  | 8.98 |
| 1948 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August | : 31.07 | 31.63 | f. 56 | $2 /$ | 21. | 22.16 | 8.91 | 42.68 |  | 11.61 |
| Sept. | : 31.08 | 31.09 | 7.01 | 2/ | $\bar{z}$ | 21.65 | 9.43 | 42.84 |  | 11.76 |

Compiled from reports of the cotton Branch, Production and marketing Administration and reports from the state Department and converted to cents per pound at current monthly rates of exchange of the federal Reserve Board.

1/ fverage for 11 months.
2/ Not available.
/iverage for 8 months.

Table 5. - Cotton, Mill consumption: Daily rate and ratio Unj.ted States, 1939 to date


Computed from reports of the Bureau of the Census and the Federal Reserve Board.

Table S.- Cotton, mill margins; 1/United States; by months, 1925 to date

ning :Aug. :Sept.:Oct。:Nov. :Deco::Jan. :Feb. :March:April: May :June :July : age
 :

 $1927: 15.2716 .5316 .1215 .1114 .6714 .0714 .6413 .4012 .6212 .7911 .9012 .661422$ $1928: 14.00 \quad 14.3014 .5514 .34 \times 14.1213 .8613 .3813 .0013 .4113 .0212 .5712 .5313 .5 \%$ $1929: 13.9514 .3815 .0515 .4513 .5112 .7413 .2512 .2111 .5411 .7012 .3912 .1013 .10$ :
1930 : 12.0112 .9713 .5113 .4213 .0512 .1811 .2411 .7811 .8011 .6511 .2311 .1612 .17
 $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllll}1932 & : & 8.39 & 10.18 & 9.77 & 8.65 & 8.22 & 7.75 & 7.50 & 8.03 & 8.27 & 10.95 & 14.99 & 18.10 & 10.07\end{array}$ $1933 \quad 2 /: 17.9715 .82 \quad 15.4714 .0213 .5013 .91 \quad 14.11 \quad 13.7213 .2712 .1611 .5811 .8613 .95$ $19342 /: 12.6113 .5812 .8211 .7011 .9412 .1311 .7211 .6411 .1911 .0711 .1110 .4311 .83$ :
$1935 \mathrm{I} /: 11.6112 .8713 .3112 .80 \cdot 13.0213 .7013 .26 \quad 12.7811 .9611 .6211 .9012 .7212 .63$
$1936: 13.72 \quad 14.0314 .8816 .60 \quad 17.7018 .2217 .8617 .8418 .5817 .6616 .4615 .5216 .59$
1937 : 15.14 14.38 13.5612 .7911 .6911 .4711 .2011 .1610 .9711 .1210 .8111 .5212 .15

1939 : 11.4214 .5815 .8315 .0213 .7213 .3612 .2511 .5911 .4011 .3710 .6811 .0012 .68 :
$1940 \quad: 11.2312 .2613 .3114 .2414 .5014 .9416 .0018 .1819 .81 \quad 20.85 \quad 21.8419 .0616 .35$
$1941: 20.53 \quad 20.0120 .41 \quad 20.18$ 20.31 $20.26 \quad 20.27 \quad 20.25 \quad 20.28 \quad 20.95 \quad 21.82 \quad 21.27 \quad 20.55$
$1942 \quad: 22.17 \quad 22.03 \quad 21.85 \quad 21.47 \quad 21.08 \quad 20.32 \quad 20.0519 .6019 .6219 .6919 .6919 .9420 .63$
$1943: 20.3420 .3720 .47 \quad 21.12 \quad 21.09 \quad 20.5719 .9819 .7219 .7519 .8119 .2819 .8120 .20$
$1944: 20.3521 .3721 .1921 .38 \cdot 21.4821 .3921 .40 \quad 21.26 \quad 20.6420 .0819 .9920 .11 \quad 20.89$ :
$1945: 20.35 \quad 20.9022 .05 \quad 21.36 \quad 20.81 \quad 20.6219 .43 \quad 22.92 \quad 23.4423 .66 \quad 21.9418 .3721 .32$
$1946 \quad: 24.09 \quad 27.14 \quad 30.33 \quad 40.52 \quad 47.72 \quad 51.60 \quad 52.36 \quad 53.37 \quad 51.25 \quad 47.86 \quad 46.46 \quad 49.49 \quad 43.52$ $1947 \quad: 56.1260 .0560 .9663 .8264 .7064 .3163 .06558 .26 \quad 51.0147 .8645 .3445 .5856 .81$
$1948: 46.29$
Compiled from reports of the cotton Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. 1/ The mill margins are the difference between the price of the approximate quantity of grey cloth ( 17 constructions) obtainable from a pound of cotton with adjustments for salable waste and the average price in the 10 designated markets for the qualities of cotton assumed to be used in each kind of cloth.
2/ From August 1933 through December 1935 a tax of 4 cents per pound gross weight was added to the price of cotton.

Table 7 .- Cótion and rayon: Actual prices of yarn and equivalent prices of raw fiber, United States, average 1930-34, 1935-39
and 1940 to date


Wholesale price of Viscose on skeins first quality yarn, 150 denier until June T1947 since July 1947 price "on cones."
2/ Wholesale price of Single 40 t's carded untill July" i946, since August 1946, twisted carded.
$\sqrt[3]{3}$ Wholesale price of Viscose, $1-1 / 2$ denier. Assumes net waste multiplier of 1.05 . 4) Prices of Memphis Territory growths, landed Group B mill points and assuming net waste multiplier of 1.15 .
Compiled from data from Bureau of Labor Statistios and Cotton. Branch, Production and Marketing Administration.

Table 8.- Rayon production, and prices, United States, 1930-1948


I/ Includes rayon yarn produced by the viscose, cuprammonium, and nitrocellulose (discontinued in 1934) processes.
2/ Filament, viscose yarns of 150 denier on skeins.
3/Viscose staple fiber, 1-1/2 denier.
L/ Filament viscose yarns of 150 denier on cones and not exactily comparable with prices for earlier years.

Compiled from Rayon Organon except prices which are from Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 9.-Rayon filament yarn shipments, by trades, United States, 1930-1948

$1 /$ Used by tire manufacturers in tire cord and fabric as well as allied rubber uses such as fuel cell fabric and hose fabric.
2/ Converted to approximate 500 pound bele cotton equivalent by dividing pounds of rayon by 425.
3/ Includes shipments for miscellaneous uses and for export.

Table 10.- Cotton cloth: Exports from United States, 1920 to date 1/

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Calendar } \\ \text { year } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | ? United: : Kingdon: | Canada | : Caba | : Argentine <br> : | Colombia | : Haiti | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Central: } \\ \text { : Anerica : } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Chins | : Egypt | 'Metherla <br> : Indies | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Philippine } \\ & \text { Islands } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Other ountries | Total 2/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { : Million } \\ & \text { : square } \\ & \text { : yards } \end{aligned}$ | Million square yards | Killion square yards | Million square yards | Killion square yards | Million square yards | KIllion square 7ards | Million square yards | Million square yards | MIIIion square yaxds | Million square yards | Milion equare 7ards | Milion square yards |
| 1920 3/ | $: 5.1$ | 66.3 | 160.7 | 46.3 | 83.2 | 21.7 | 58.0 | 28.4 | 4 | 4. | 63.1 | 286.0 | 818.8 |
| 1921 3/ | : 2.7 | 43.1 | 22.5 | 24.9 | 14.1 | 20.8 | 72.3 | 24.5 | 4 | 4 | 53:6 | 273.0 | 551.5 |
| 1922 | : 4.0 | 50.1 | 48.8 | 40.6 | 34.7 | 22.6 | 62.0 | 15.7 | 4 | 4 | 93.4 | 215.6 | 587.5 |
| 1923 | : 1.9 | 35.5 | 86.9 | 21.5 | 22.9 | 22.3 | 51.8 | 1.6 | 4 | $4 /$ | 73.8 | 146.3 | 464.5 |
| 1924 | : 2.2 | 33.4 | 80.9 | 21.2 | 32.3 | 23.2 | 62.7 | 1.6 | 4 | 4 | 67.5 | 152.8 | 477.8 |
| 1925 | : 4.3 | 38.1 | 66.4 | 22.9 | 43.9 | 31.1 | 63.2 | 7.4 | 4 | 4 | 79.8 | 186.2 | 543.3 |
| 1926 | : 3.6 | 46.2 | 70.0 | 19.3 | 33.7 | 17.5 | 53.0 | 1.4 | 4 | . 4 | 101.1 | 167.5 | 513.3 |
| 1927 | : 7.7 | 63.1 | 80.0 | 24.8 | 29.5 | 27.3 | 60.4 | 1.0 | 4 | 4 | 88.0 | 183.2 | 565.0 |
| 1928 | : 9.3 | 69.8 | 70.7 | 24.2 | 33.9 | 25.4 | 49.5 | 1.3 | $4 /$ | 4 | - 93.8 | 168.9 | 546.8 |
| 1929 | : 10.7 | 75.6 | 76.6 | 23.9 | 26.0 | 14.5 | 60.5 | 1.0 | 4 | 4 | 81.3. | 194.3 | 564.4 |
| 1930 | : 8.8 | 58.3 | 64.4 | 16.3 | 21.6 | 20.0 | 40.9 | . 5 | 4 | 4 | 48.6 : | 136.9 | 416.3 |
| 1931 | 5.6 | 37.1 | 54.3 | 14.5 | 26.4 | 14.7 | 44.7 | 1.1 | 4 | 4. | 61.6 | 107.0 | 367.0 |
| 1932 | . 2 | 26.7 | 50.2 | 15.8 | 27.9 | 19.3 | 47.4 | 1.4 | 4 | 4 | 116.7 | 69.8 | 375.4 |
| 1933 | . 1 | 17.1 | 45.1 | 9.6 | 25.6 | 13.1 | 44.4 | . 6 | $4 /$ | 4 | 88.1 | 58.3 | 302.0 |
| 1934 | . 5 | 12.5 | 67.6 | 1.2 | 16.0 | 2.6 | 33.5 | . 3 | 4 | 4 | 47.9 | 44.2 | 226.3 |
| 1935 | . 4 | 12.0 | 55.4 | . 4 | 8.8 | 4.9 | 21.4 | -3 | $4 /$ | 4 | 47.1 | 34.9 | 185.6 |
| 1936 | . 3 | 16.2 | 59.7 | . 1 | 16.7 | 10.6 | 21.3 | . 1 | 4 | d | 41.5 | 34.0 | 200.5 |
| 1937 | . 5 | 20.4 | 65.8 | . 4 | 16.7 | 9.2 | 17.7 | . 4 | 4 | $4 /$ | 66.7 | 38.5 | 236.3. |
| 1938 | 1.1 | 25.5 | 48.4 | . 6 | 14.2 | 15.2 | 36.8 | . 2 | $4 /$ | 4 | 125.5 | 52.1 | 319.6 |
| 1939 | 1.1 | 43.5 | 63.4 | $5 /$ | 23.5 | 19.4 | 45.8 | 1.44 | 4 | 4 | 107.5 | 61.9 | 367.5 |
| 1940 | : 3.6 | 91.7 | 44.3 | . 1 | 16.5 | 15.7 | 36.9 | . 7 | $4 /$ | $4 /$ | 74.2 | 74.2 | 357.9 |
| 1941 | : .. 1.5 | 115.7 | 62.0 | . 4 | 33.3 | 17.6 | 51.3 | 4.7 | 23.1 | 48.9 | 88.3 | 139.9 | 586.7 |
| 1942 | 1.9 | 174.2 | 47.7 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 13.1 | 34.4 | 2.5 | 16.1 | 6.8 | 0 | 141.5 | 447.8 |
| 1943 | 31.5 | 189.4 | 27.9 | . 5 | 4.9 | 12.6 | 25.1 | $5 /$ | . 1 | 0 | 0 | 246.5 | 538.5 |
| 1944 | 3.3 | 218.7 | 31.2 | . 8 | 4.4 | 15.1 | 26.3 | $5 /$ | 1.2 | 0 | 0 | 337.1 | 638.1 |
| $19456 /$ | ; 7.7 | 191.1 | 32.4 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 11.9 | 19.6 | 23.6 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 372.6 | 672.8 |
| 1946:6/ | : 4.5 | 203.0 | 33.5 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 11.0 | 23.2 | 18.0 | . 7 | 70.7 | 85.2 | 323.2 | 774.9 |
| - 1947.6/ | : 42.1 | 285.3. | 43.4 | 59.9 | 7.0 | 19.9 | 56.3 | 18.8 | 2.2 | 33.2 | 90.8 | 815.9 | 1.474 .8 |
| $\therefore \quad \therefore$. | : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ; |

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I/ Includes duck, tire fabrics, all other cotton cloths, bleached, unbleached yarn dyed and colored, and mixtures made largely catton yarns.
2/ Totals were made before figures were rounded to millions.
3 / Linear yards.
// If any included in other countries.
$5 /$ Less than 50,000 square yards.
6/ Preliminary.


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$1 /$ Includes duck, tire fabrics, all other cotton cloths, bleached, urbleached, yarn dyed and colored, and mixtures made largely of cotton yarns.
2/ Totals were made before figures were rounded to mililions, and are not always summation of monthly data owing to revisions and adjustments.
3/ Linear yards, through December 1921.
4/ Arbitrary adjustments to calendar year totals.
5/ Preliminary.
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