

## Instructions and Definitions

### Cotton, Manmade Fiber Staple, and Raw Linters (Consumption and Stocks, and Spindle Activity) (M313P)

1. **Scope of survey** — This survey covers all manufacturing plants consuming cotton and manmade fiber staple.
2. **Figures to be reported** — Companies with more than one establishment consuming the products covered by this survey are requested to complete a separate report form for each location. If you have not received a separate form for each of your establishments, please call the contact shown on the report form, or write to the National Agricultural Statistics Service for additional forms.
  - a. **Consumption of materials**

*Include* —

    1. Materials passed through the opener or otherwise removed from inventory and put into process for carding, spinning, bleaching, etc.

*Exclude* —

    1. Consumption of cotton and textiles waste, all linter cuts, hull fiber, delint, gin motes, oil mill motes, and all other waste materials.
  - b. **Stocks of materials**
    1. Report the inventory of materials located in your mill, mill warehouse, or in any private storage place which you own or lease as of the close of business on the last day of the report period.

*Include* —

    - a. Stocks in these locations regardless of ownership of the material.
    - b. Stockpile cotton released by the General Services Administration.

*Exclude* —

    - a. In-process material such as roving, batts, felts, bleached raw stock, etc.
    - b. Material stored in public warehouses or at other manufacturing plants. (These materials will be reported by the warehouse or at the other manufacturing plants.)
    - c. Battings and pads made from linters by others. Also, do not include linters pulp and gin motes.
  - c. **Spindle and rotor hours** —
    1. Enter the total spindle and/or rotor hours operated during the period of each fiber classification.
  - d. **Units of measure** —
    1. Report in the unit of measure specified for each item. Where thousands of pounds are requested for domestic and foreign cotton consumption and stocks, report on net trading weight basis. Convert foreign cotton to 500 lb. equivalent gross weight by dividing the total weight including baling materials by 500, or the net weight of the cotton excluding baling materials by 480.
3. **Definitions**
  - a. *Spindles and rotors* — The term “cotton-system spinning spindles” does not include spindles operated on the “American” and other new systems for spinning uncut top. It does, however, include rotors operating (open-end spinning). The total number of cotton-system spindles and/or rotors should be reported whether or not such machines are used on cotton. For active spindles and/or rotors, report the number active for the shift during which the largest number of spindles and/or rotors operated on the last day of the period, showing separately the number active for each fiber classification.
4. **Special Inquiry for July**
  - a. A supplemental inquiry will be included with your July report. Please use all the above definitions when completing this inquiry.