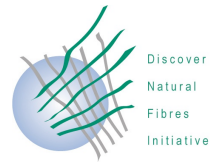




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CAI ADDS METRIC UNITS TO TABLES

A seeming mundane change in the format of a table can have concrete consequences for industry improvement. In a press note distributed world wide on May 13, 2013, the Cotton Association of India (CAI) reported Indian cotton production, supply and use in traditional units of lakh bales (100,000 bales of 170 kilograms each) and in metric tons in side-by-side columns.

The ICAC advocates universal use of metric measures in reporting cotton supply and use in order to promote international transparency and market efficiency. It has been a little over 200 years since the invention of the cotton gin, and the world cotton industry has developed as a composite of national industries with parochial systems of evaluating quality, measuring quantities and marketing both seed cotton and lint. These parochial systems work fine for domestic industries, but as an industry becomes more globalized, parochial systems, including units of measure, create opacity, not transparency. A partial list of units of measure commonly encountered in world cotton statistics is shown below.

Movement toward universal use of metric measures help to improve industry performance. The side-by-side reporting in metric units by the CAI is applauded by the ICAC Secretariat.

Statistical bales	Kilograms	Pounds
Australia	227	
Colombia	233	
Egypt		720
India/Pakistan	170	
Mexico	230	
Nigeria	185	
South Africa	200	
Sudan		420
Tanzania		400
Uganda	182	
USA		480
Other weight measurements:	Kilograms	Pounds
metric ton	1000	
pound		1
kilogram	1	
Arroba (Brazil)	15	
Candy (India)	355.62	
Cantar, metric (Egypt)	50	
Cantar (Sudan)	44.93	
Centner (USSR)	100	
Dan (China)	50	
Quintal (Argentina)	45.95	
Quintal (India)	100	
Quintal (Mexico)	46.026	
Quintal (Peru, Spain)	46	
Maund (Pakistan)	37.3242	
Area	Acres	Hectares
Acre	1	0.40469
Dunams		0.1
Feddan	1.038	
Hectare	2.47103	1
Manzana	1.72	
Mu (China, 1/15 ha)		0.066667
Stremma (Greece, 1/10 ha)		0.1

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The Secretariat of the Committee publishes information related to world cotton production, supply, demand and prices, and provides technical information on cotton production technology. Detailed statistics are found bimonthly in *COTTON: Review of the World Situation*, \$190 per year via email, \$230 per year in hard copy. A monthly outlook is available by email for \$300 per year. Access to the latest weekly estimates of world cotton supply and use by the Secretariat is available on the Internet for \$460 per year. Access Secretariat reports at www.icac.org.



COTTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

INDIAN COTTON CROP ESTIMATE FOR THE SEASON 2011-12 and 2012-13

Estimated as on 9th May 2013

(bales of 170 kgs. each)

	Crop				Arrivals As on 30 th April 2013 for 2012-13	
	2012-13		2011-12		(in lakh b/s)	(in '000 Tons)
	(in lakh b/s)	(in '000 Tons)	(in lakh b/s)	(in '000 Tons)		
Punjab	15.50	263.50	18.00	306.00	15.50	263.50
Haryana	23.50	399.50	27.50	467.50	23.00	391.00
Upper Rajasthan	7.50	127.50	10.00	170.00	7.00	119.00
Lower Rajasthan	8.00	136.00	7.75	131.75	7.50	127.50
Total North Zone	54.50	926.50	63.25	1075.25	53.00	901.00
Gujarat	85.00	1445.00	114.00	1938.00	76.75	1304.75
Maharashtra	71.50	1215.50	72.00	1224.00	66.25	1126.25
Madhya Pradesh	18.00	306.00	18.00	306.00	17.00	289.00
Total Central Zone	174.50	2966.50	204.00	3468.00	160.00	2720.00
Andhra Pradesh	74.00	1258.00	58.00	986.00	65.50	1113.50
Karnataka	13.00	221.00	13.00	221.00	10.75	182.75
Tamil Nadu	5.00	85.00	5.00	85.00	3.50	59.50
Total South Zone	92.00	1564.00	76.00	1292.00	79.75	1355.75
Orissa	3.00	51.00	2.00	34.00	2.75	46.75
Others	2.00	34.00	2.00	34.00	1.75	29.75
Total	326.00	5525.00	347.25	5903.25	297.25	5053.25
Loose Cotton	26.00	442.00	26.00	442.00	24.25	412.25
Grand Total	352.00	5984.00	373.25	6345.25	321.50	5465.50



COTTON ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
INDIAN COTTON BALANCE SHEET FOR THE SEASON 2011-12 and 2012-13

Estimated as on 9th May 2013

(bales of 170 kgs. each)

Details		2012-13		2011-12	
		(in lakh b/s)	(in '000 Tons)	(in lakh b/s)	(in '000Tons)
Supply	Opening Stock	53.21	904.57	53.27	905.59
	Crop	352.00	5984.00	373.25	6345.25
	Imports	15.00	255.00	9.00	153.00
	Total Supply	420.21	7143.57	435.52	7403.84
Demand	Mill Consumption	240.00	4080.00	217.68	3700.56
	Consumption by SSI Units	22.00	374.00	21.63	367.71
	Non- Mill Consumption	16.00	272.00	16.00	272.00
	Exports	-	-	127.00	2159.00
	Total Demand	278.00	4726.00	382.31	6499.27
Available Surplus		142.21	2417.57	-	-
Closing Stock		-	-	53.21	904.57