

Count on Cotton

Check out these fun facts to discover what makes cotton so unique!

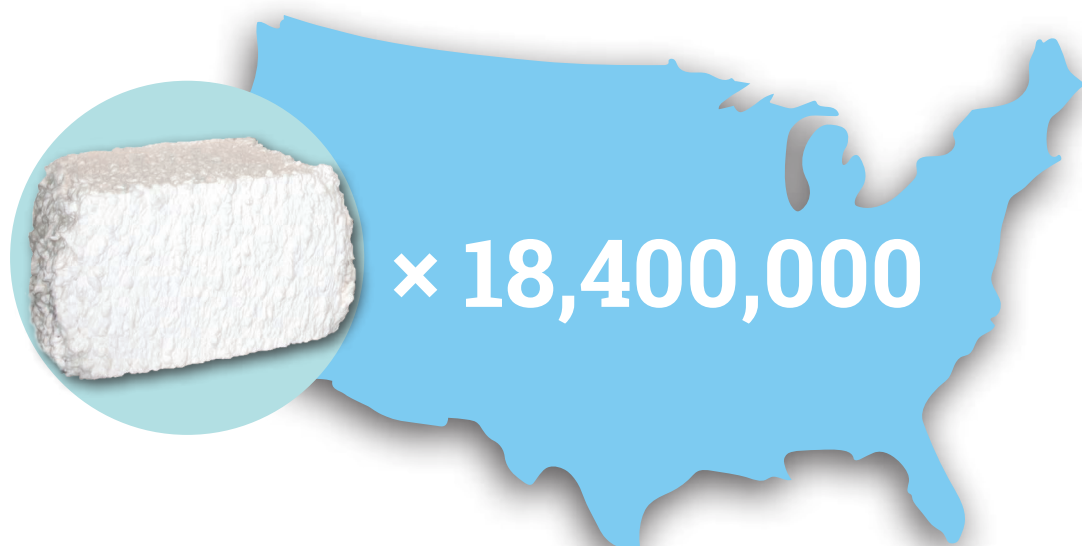
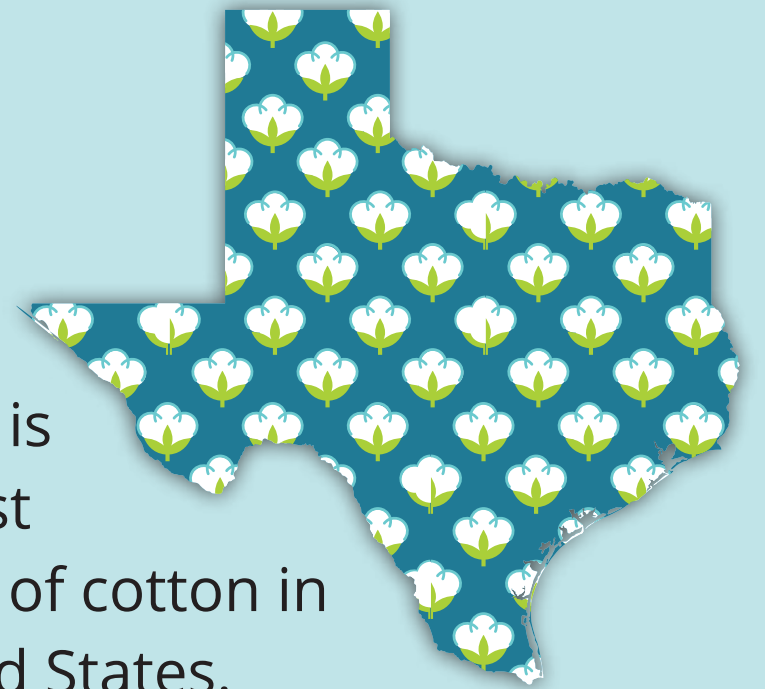


1. Cotton is natural and grown from the Earth.

2. Cotton has been grown and used to make fabric for at least 7,000 years.



3. Texas is the largest producer of cotton in the United States.



4. In 2018, 18,400,000 bales of cotton were produced in the United States. One bale of cotton weighs approximately 480 pounds and can make 690 bath towels or 215 pairs of jeans.

5. In 2018, 471 million pairs of adult and kids' jeans were sold in the United States.



6. The U.S. dollar bill contains 75% cotton. One bale of cotton can make 313,600 \$100 bills.

7. Cottonseed oil is used as an ingredient in bread, cereals, and snacks, including potato chips.



8. Scientists have found a way to make cottonseed edible for humans, which could make it an inexpensive food source for millions of people around the world.

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