

TEXAS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION FOR WATER & SOIL
PRESENTS

12 MONTHS OF AGRICULTURE

ALL ABOUT THE COTTON COMMODITY

TEXAS & COTTON

OUR STATE IS THE TOP
PRODUCER OF COTTON IN THE
NATION THANKS TO OUR FERTILE
LAND AND OPTIMAL CLIMATE

MAKING MONEY

ONE BALE OF COTTON
CAN BE USED TO MAKE
313,600 \$100 BILLS!

COTTON IS PRODUCED ON
OVER 8,500 FARMS IN TEXAS.

TEXAS ACCOUNTS FOR
APPROXIMATELY 1/2 OF THE COTTON
ACRES AND ROUGHLY 40% OF THE
TOTAL PRODUCTION IN THE U.S.

EXPORTING COTTON

TEXAS EXPORTS \$1.6 BILLION
WORTH OF COTTON AND
COTTONSEED ANNUALLY TO
OTHER COUNTRIES

COTTON FACTS

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The short fuzz on the seed, called linters, provide cellulose for making plastics, explosives and other products.



About \$70 million is spent annually to control the Boll Weevil Beetle, but the pest still causes an estimated \$200 million in crop losses each year!



Cotton isn't just a fiber crop; it's a food crop, too! Cottonseed oil is used mainly as a salad or cooking oil.



Growing season: Planting usually begins in February and March in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and progresses into June in the south High Plains.



One bale of cotton weighs about 480 lbs. and can be used to make 215 pairs of jeans.



Top twelve cotton-producing counties in Texas: Lubbock, Crosby, Hale, Lynn, Hockley, Floyd, Terry, Dawson, Gaines, Lamb, San Patricio, and Nueces.

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