

An Insight into Uzbekistan's Cotton Textile Industry

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Abstract

Uzbekistan is one of the leading producers and exporters of ginned cotton in the world market. It takes sixth place in worldwide cotton production (after China-25%, USA-25%, India-16%, Pakistan-9% and Brazil-5%) and fourth place in its export after USA, Brazil and India. Cotton's nickname in Uzbekistan is "white gold".

Significance of the cotton for the country in modern conditions is a multi- billion dollar industry, generating about 20% of the country's GDP. As Ministry of foreign economic relations & trade of Uzbekistan reported in 2011, cotton trade accounts for 11.3% of Uzbekistan's export earnings and cotton is one of the country's main export crop & strategic resource.

This research paper provides an insight into Uzbekistan's cotton industry, the production, procurement & global flow of Uzbekistan cotton and tries to explore the main policy issues and challenges of cotton production in Uzbekistan.

Key Words: Uzbekistan's Cotton industry, Cotton production, Ginned Cotton, Cotton trade, Export of Cotton.

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