

Annual Report of the Bremen Cotton Exchange 2019 First-Hand Cotton Facts

Bremen, 30 June 2020: The latest Annual Report of the Bremen Cotton Exchange has been published. The report is seen by our members, specialists and in business circles as an indispensable reference work on essential questions relating to the raw material of cotton.

‘Only those who know the past can understand the present and shape the future.’

This saying, attributed to August Bebel, is well over 100 years old and it is still true: The latest annual report from Bremen provides a review of the past year in the international cotton market with detailed information on developments and trends.



World Cotton Production in 2019/20 © Bremen Cotton Exchange

With this specialist knowledge, it is possible to understand developments on the ground and to look into the future. This is made possible with figures and background information on cotton production, global

trade, price development and further processing of the raw material in downstream production stages.

An important part of this are informative tables and graphics, as well as vivid images of the cotton production process.

Cotton Growing: Where, Why and How Much?

In addition to a global view, the situation in major cotton-growing countries in the northern and southern hemisphere is analysed in detail from a regional perspective. A special focus is placed on the situation in developing countries. This also includes aspects of ecological, social and economic sustainability in the sense of the UN Social Development Goals.

The country reports on the situation of the cotton textile industries in Germany and Switzerland illustrate the structural developments within the industry. They draw attention to the dynamics of the flow of goods within the cotton supply chain for cotton clothing from Asia to Europe.



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Last but not least, the annual report clarifies what the Cotton Exchange, with its almost 150-year history, stands for and what it can achieve with its partners within the globally networked cotton textile supply chain.

A printed version of the annual report can be purchased at a price of EUR 100 incl. VAT plus postage from the Cotton Exchange. It is free for members of the Cotton Exchange Association and for the press. The English version is currently being prepared and can be ordered as soon as possible.

Orders are accepted by email at info@baumwollboerse.de or via the Internet at <https://baumwollboerse.de/shop>.

We are happy to answer any further questions you may have. We are also available to press representatives for exclusive interviews at any time.



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About the Bremen Cotton Exchange

The Bremen Cotton Exchange is an internationally networked industry organisation and recognised service provider. It was founded in 1872 by Bremen merchants as cotton from manufacturing countries such as America, after first being tested for its quality, was delivered to the emerging textile industry in Europe through the Bremen ports. Based on its almost 150-year history and the experience gained in dialogue with the market, the Bremen Cotton Exchange is regarded by the industry as a recognised authority and a strong partner for its neutrality and independence. Today, this not only applies to the cotton trade, spinners/weavers and service providers for the cotton industry, but also to the downstream textile and clothing industry.

The Cotton Exchange is an international arbitration body for the settlement of disputes concerning the processing of commercial contracts and quality defects. Judgments by the Cotton Exchange's Arbitration Committee are made in accordance with the 1958 New York Convention. They are internationally recognised and therefore quickly enforceable.

Within the scope of its information activities, the Bremen Cotton Exchange is available to the public, the press and specialist representatives as a contact person for all questions relating to cotton as a raw material.

The Cotton Exchange has been running the International Cotton Association Quality and Research Centre Bremen GmbH as a joint venture with the International Cotton Association Ltd. (Liverpool) since 2011. This has made it the international centre for cotton quality testing, research, training and certification. Bremen is home to an excellently equipped, state of the art laboratory.

Every two years, the cotton world gathers in Bremen: Together with its testing laboratory, the Fibre Institute Bremen (FIBRE), the Bremen Cotton Exchange hosts the International Cotton Conference, which has become the world's leading conference in the field of cotton testing. Around 600 guests from all over the world regularly travel to the Hanseatic city to attend the high-ranking sessions at the Bremen City Hall and take the opportunity to make personal business contacts.