

## Egypt Cotton Exports 2024-25: Egypt Cotton Exports by Country & Export Data Insights

Egypt has long been renowned for its high-quality cotton, with Egyptian cotton considered some of the finest in the world. In recent years, the country has been a major player in the global cotton market, exporting significant quantities of cotton to countries around the world. According to the [Egypt export data](#) and cotton export data of Egypt, the total value of Egypt cotton exports reached \$475.25 million in 2024, a 9% decline from the previous year. Egypt exported approximately 184,000 bales of cotton in the 2024–2025 marketing year, as per the [USDA report on Egypt cotton](#), which was lower than the previous year due to a government export prohibition. Egypt's cotton remains in high demand worldwide, with China and India being two of its largest importers, despite a decrease in exports.

With an emphasis on domestic mill usage, Egyptian cotton production is also anticipated to rise in 2025, as per Egypt customs data. According to the [global trade data](#), Egypt is the 15th largest cotton exporter in the world. In this article, we will take a closer look at Egypt's cotton exports for the 2024-25 season, examining which countries are the top buyers of Egyptian cotton and providing insights into the Egypt cotton export data and Egypt customs database.

### The Growth of Egypt Cotton Exports in 2025

Egypt has long been renowned for its high-quality cotton, with Egyptian cotton being prized for its superior fiber length, strength, and softness. This has made Egypt a key player in the global cotton market, with the country's cotton exports finding favor among textile manufacturers and consumers alike. The country's cotton industry plays a crucial role in its economy, employing millions of people and contributing significantly to its GDP. In 2025-26, Egypt is expected to see a significant increase in its cotton exports, driven by several key factors. One of the primary drivers of this growth is the increasing demand for Egyptian cotton in major importing countries such as the United States, China, and India.

### Egypt Cotton Exports by Country: Where Does Egypt Export Cotton?

Egypt is a significant player in the global cotton market, with a rich history of cotton production dating back to ancient times. Egypt exports its high-quality cotton to various countries around the world, making significant contributions to the textile industry. Key export destinations for Egyptian cotton include India, Turkey, and China. These countries value the premium quality and unique characteristics of Egyptian cotton, placing Egypt among the top cotton-exporting nations globally. The top 10 export destinations for Egyptian cotton exports, as per the data on Egypt cotton exports by country and Egypt shipment data for 2024-25, include:

1. India: \$118.23 million (24.9%)

India is the largest importer of Egyptian cotton, accounting for nearly a quarter of Egypt's cotton exports. The demand for Egyptian cotton in India is driven by the country's textile industry, which relies on high-quality cotton for its production.

2. Italy: \$85.13 million (17.9%)

Italy is another major importer of Egyptian cotton, with nearly 18% of Egypt's cotton exports going to the country, as per the data on [Italy cotton imports from Egypt](#). Italian textile manufacturers prize Egyptian cotton for its superior quality and use it to create high-end textiles and garments.

3. Türkiye: \$74.59 million (15.7%)

Turkey is a key market for Egyptian cotton, with nearly 16% of Egypt's cotton exports heading to Türkiye. Turkish textile producers value Egyptian cotton for its long fibers, which result in soft and strong fabrics.

4. Pakistan: \$33.37 million (7%)

This country is a significant importer of Egyptian cotton, accounting for 7% of Egypt's cotton exports. Its textile manufacturers prefer Egyptian cotton for its superior quality and use it in a wide range of products, from clothing to home textiles.

5. Tunisia: \$33.32 million (7%)

Tunisia is another important market for Egyptian cotton, with 7% of Egypt's cotton exports going to the country. Tunisian textile producers appreciate Egyptian cotton for its softness and durability, making it ideal for their products.

6. Germany: \$11.69 million (2.5%)

Germany imports a portion of Egyptian cotton, with 2.5% of Egypt's cotton exports going to the country, as per the data on [Germany cotton imports from Egypt by HS code](#). German textile manufacturers value Egyptian cotton for its premium quality and use it to create high-end textiles for the European market.

7. China: \$11.55 million (2.4%)

China is a growing market for Egyptian cotton, with 2.4% of Egypt's cotton exports heading to the country. Chinese manufacturers are increasingly turning to Egyptian cotton for its superior quality and using it in a variety of textile products.

8. Algeria: \$8.75 million (1.8%)

Algeria imports Egyptian cotton, accounting for 1.8% of Egypt's cotton exports. Algerian textile producers appreciate Egyptian cotton for its premium quality and use it in their manufacturing processes.

9. Morocco: \$8.60 million (1.8%)

Morocco is another importer of Egyptian cotton, with 1.8% of Egypt's cotton exports going to the country. Moroccan textile manufacturers value Egyptian cotton for its softness and strength, making it a popular choice for their products.

10. Austria: \$7.83 million (1.6%)

Austria is a small but significant market for Egyptian cotton, with 1.6% of Egypt's cotton exports heading to the country. Austrian textile producers prefer Egyptian cotton for its premium quality and use it to create high-end textiles for the European market.

Egypt Cotton Exports in the Last 10 Years: Historical Egypt Cotton Export Data

Year of Exports Egypt Cotton Export Value (\$)

2014	\$474.20 million
2015	\$476.04 million
2016	\$468.83 million
2017	\$473.07 million
2018	\$479.76 million
2019	\$469.58 million
2020	\$409.20 million
2021	\$529.40 million
2022	\$669.70 million
2023	\$522.95 million
2024	\$475.25 million

Egypt Cotton Exports by Type and Variety 2024-25

Type	Export Value (USD)	Key Buyers
Raw Cotton (Uncarded/Uncombed)	\$120M+	India, China
Cotton Yarn (≥85% cotton)	\$60M+	Turkey, India, Italy
Woven Cotton Fabric (≥85%)	\$50M+	Turkey, Germany
Other Cotton Products	~\$20M	Spain, Sudan

Top Egyptian Cotton Varieties Exported

Variety Type	Used For	Key Markets
Giza 86 Extra-long staple	Premium fabric & yarn	India, Italy
Giza 94 Long staple	Spinning, blended yarn	Turkey, China
Giza 96 Long staple	High-thread count textiles	Germany, Spain

## Egypt's Cotton Export Performance (2024–25)

### Export Value & Global Position

- Egypt's cotton exports in calendar 2024 were valued at approximately \$475.3 million, representing 0.9% of global cotton export value.
- Egypt ranks around 15th among global [cotton exporters](#) in 2024 by value, behind China, India, the US, Brazil, etc.
- Compared to 2023's exports, Egypt experienced a 9.1% year-on-year drop in value.

### Export Volume Outlook

- In marketing year (MY) 2024/25 (August 2024–July 2025), USDA forecasts Egyptian cotton exports at 184,000 480-lb bales, down by 66,000 bales from MY 2023/24.
- Export commitments as of early March 2025 totaled only 23,227.5 MT (106,684 bales) for the season, 35% lower than the prior year's pace.
- Forecast projections suggest a continued decline in exports: a 4.9% drop from 2024 to 2025, followed by further declines through 2028, with exports expected to fall from 265k to 213k bales.

### Export Destinations & Product Breakdown

- Detailed bilateral export data by country for “prepared cotton” in 2023 shows small values (Egypt exports \$1.24M mainly to Sudan, Spain, Saudi Arabia).
- Cotton yarn (HS 5205 category), derived from Egyptian cotton, saw top export destinations in 2023: Italy (36% US\$43M), Germany (8.48% 10.1M), Turkey (8.3%), Austria, and the Czech Republic.
- In the period August–November 2024, Egypt's total cotton yarn exports reached 7,603 MT, up 72% year-on-year; cotton fabric exports (HS 5208/5209) were 15,106 MT, up 25%.

### Supply & Demand Context

- Domestic production has stagnated: from 68,687 tons (≈141,863 bales) in crop year 2023/24 to a slightly higher expectation in 2024/25, but most output is used domestically rather than exported.
- Consumption skyrocketed in MY 2024/25 to approximately 750,000 bales, the highest in 14 years, driven by massive textile investments and rising domestic milling demand.
- To meet demand, imports surged to a record 675,000 bales, mainly from Greece (>50%), with Brazil rapidly expanding its share, while U.S. cotton shipments declined drastically to under 1,000 bales.

### Why the Export Decline – Analysis

#### 1. Domestic Use First

Egypt's aggressive push to revive its textile industry, including more than \$1 billion public investment into upgrading mills in Mahalla El-Kobra, means domestically grown Egyptian cotton is largely retained for local processing and export of textiles rather than raw cotton.

## 2. High Government Prices

Government-set floor prices made domestic cotton overpriced relative to global markets, limiting sales to foreign buyers and resulting in unsold stocks that state-owned enterprises are absorbing.

## 3. Global Demand Softness

Global cotton trade dipped slightly in 2024 (–1.4%), and major exporters like the U.S. and Australia also saw declines in export volume; Egypt was not immune to these broader market pressures.

### Key Takeaways – Egypt Cotton Export 2024-25

Metric	2024 (Calendar)	MY 2025/26 Forecast & Context
Export Value	\$475.3 million (0.9% of global exports)	Domestic demand limits export
Export Volume	184,000 bales	193,000 bales forecast; lower export commitments observed
Y/Y Trend	–9.1% decline in export value	Continued decline in the coming years (projected –4.9% in 2025)
Top Export Destination (yarn)	Italy, Germany, Turkey, Austria, Czech R. (yarn)	Export pivot to yarn/fabric
Domestic Consumption	—	750,000 bales – record high
Imports	—	675,000 bales (mostly Greece, Brazil)

### Outlook & Implications

- Exports likely shrink further: projections show a steady decline through 2028 as domestic processing takes priority and raw cotton exports become increasingly marginal.
- Textile-led strategy: Egypt is shifting from a raw cotton exporter to a regional textile hub, adding capacity and focusing on value-added downstream products.
- Markets rebalancing: rising consumption and competitiveness of suppliers like Brazil and Greece mean Egyptian cotton is increasingly reserved for local use, not global sale.

### Closing Note and Final Takeaways

Egypt’s export trajectory during the 2024–25 cycle illustrates a strategic shift: away from raw cotton exports and toward domestic textile-led utilization. As consumption rises to record highs, bolstered by government and foreign investment, Egyptian cotton exports are declining, even as overall cotton yarn and fabric exports grow, as per the reports of the [Egyptian Ministry of Trade & Industry](#). India, China, the U.S., and Brazil continue to dominate the global cotton trade, but Egypt is reshaping its role, from a raw cotton supplier to a textile production center.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the outlook for Egypt's cotton exports in 2024-25 is bright, with the country poised to capitalize on the growing demand for high-quality cotton in key markets around the world. By focusing on quality control, sustainability practices, and meeting the needs of major importing countries, Egypt is well-positioned to strengthen its position as a leading player in the global cotton market.