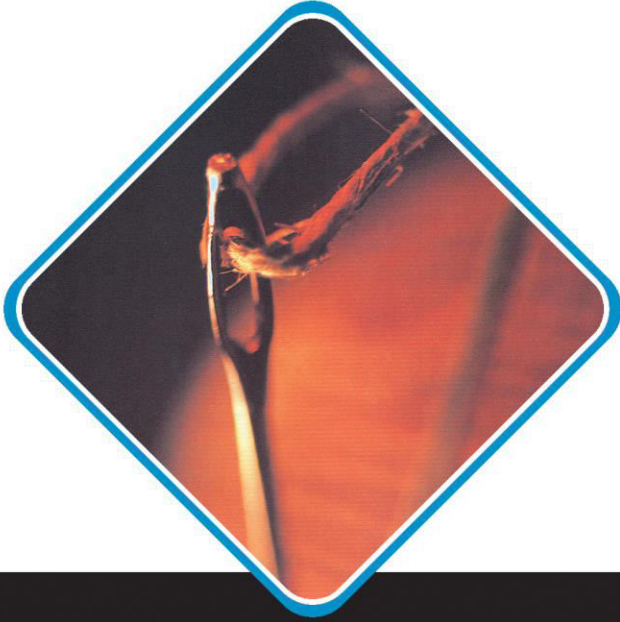




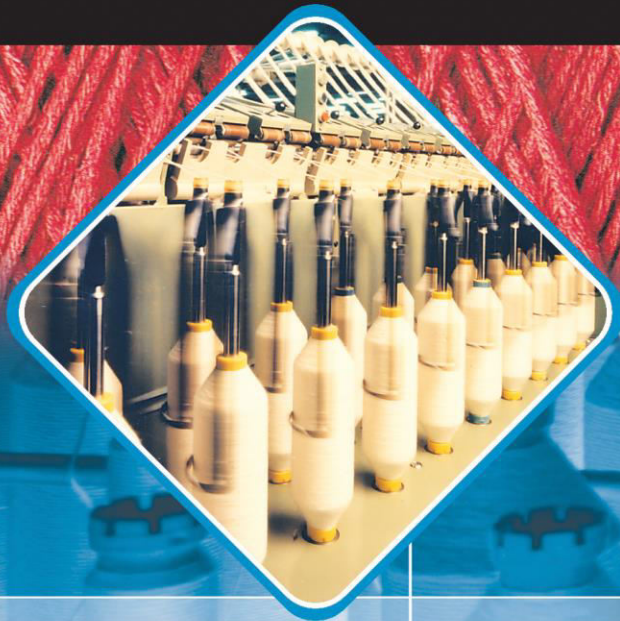
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PRODUCTION

Textiles and clothing are among the most important sectors of Turkish economy in terms of manufacturing, employment and exports earnings. These sectors had a 19,2 % share in total export volume of 2015. There are more than 42,000 textile and clothing companies in Turkey, 2,200 of which are active in fibers and yarns sector.

Turkey is one of the main actors in the world textile and clothing industry. The Turkish clothing industry is the seventh largest supplier in the world, and the second largest supplier in the EU. The Turkish textile industry is listed as the world's top ten exporters. The Turkish textile and clothing industry has a significant role in world trade, the capability to meet the high standards, and can compete in international markets in terms of high quality, design and a wide range of products.

Parallel to the developments in the Turkish textile and clothing industry, the Turkish fibers and yarns industry has developed in recent years, and as a consequence of the increase in demand for textile and clothing products from both domestic and foreign markets, the fibers and yarns production and exports have increased together with investments in the industry.

Cotton is the essential raw material for the country's textile and clothing industry, and Turkey is one of the important cotton growers in the world. Turkey ranked seventh in the production of cotton with a total amount of 738,000 tons in 2015/16. As one of the results of the Southeastern Anatolia Project (GAP), which is the largest project ever attempted in Turkey, cotton production in Turkey has begun to increase.

Due to the availability of huge amounts of raw cotton in Turkey, the cotton textile industry has progressed like the Turkish cotton yarns industry. Today, Turkey is one of the largest countries in the world in terms of its cotton yarn production capacity.

As well as the cotton textiles, the Turkish man-made textile sector is also a well-developed industry. Today, Turkey is very strong in all areas of synthetic fibers and yarns production and processing.

Turkey invented short staple spindles and open end rotors, which are regarded as the most advanced technology in the world. Therefore, in terms of installed capacities of short staple spindles and open-end rotors, Turkey ranks in top five in the world.

The mills are spread out all over Turkey, mostly in Istanbul, Bursa, Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Adana, Izmir, Kayseri, Malatya, Tekirdag, Uşak, Hatay and Denizli. Most of the large mills have integrated fibers production into clothing. Many Turkish fiber and yarn manufacturers have ecological labels for their products and environmental management systems in their plants.

EXPORTS

Turkish textile and clothing exports have continued to increase even after the expiration of the global textile quota system at the end of 2004, as agreed under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC). The sector continues to maintain and enhances its competitiveness despite the abolition of quotas. With its quality products, Turkey has been increasing its share in major markets, especially in the European market which has high standards and sophisticated customer needs.

Turkey's fibers and yarns exports were approximately US\$5.4 billion in 2015. The main export products in 2015 were synthetic and artificial filament yarns, yarns of synthetic and artificial filament staple fibers, cotton yarns, synthetic and artificial filament staple fibers.

Turkey's Fibers and Yarns Exports (US\$)

H.S. Code	Product Name	2013	2014	2015	2014/15 (%)	2015 Share (%)
50	Silk	3.391.337	2.736.727	2.626.111	-4,0	0,05
51	Wool, Fine or Coarse Animal Hair; Horsehair Yarn and Woven Fabric	194.995.117	195.904.384	154.497.303	-21,1	2,88
52	Cotton and Cotton Yarns	1.928.175.827	1.875.160.117	1.703.147.734	-9,2	31,75
53	Vegetable Textile Fibers; Paper Yarn and Woven Fabrics Of Paper Yarn	26.630.191	25.928.204	22.131.139	-14,6	0,41
54	Man-Made Filaments; Strip And The Like Of Man-Made Textile Materials	1.689.747.385	1.772.567.316	1.564.061.450	-11,8	29,16
55	Man-Made Staple Fibers	1.381.677.604	1.456.060.953	1.347.797.341	-7,4	25,12
56	Wadding, Felt and Nonwovens, Special Yarns; Twine, Cordage, Ropes And Cables And Articles Thereof	513.644.571	578.201.698	570.198.730	-1,4	10,63
Total		5.738.262.032	5.906.559.399	5.364.459.808	-9,2	100,0

Source: TurkStat

Italy, USA, Germany, the UK, Iran Russian Federation, Spain, Egypt, Romania and Poland were the major export markets for Turkish fibers and yarns companies in 2015.

Major Export Markets in Fibers and Yarns (US \$)

Countries	2013	2014	2015	2014/15 Change (%)	2015 Share (%)
Italy	501.372.779	520.437.126	461.080.972	-11,4	8,6
USA	278.030.560	288.170.336	302.164.120	4,9	5,6
Germany	342.888.219	342.026.704	288.644.661	-15,6	5,4
UK	245.784.558	293.215.705	265.381.108	-9,5	4,9
Iran	194.167.885	239.936.179	246.023.679	2,5	4,6
Russian Fed.	442.050.371	379.796.428	233.773.993	-38,4	4,4
Spain	204.887.193	232.918.819	226.206.288	-2,9	4,2
Egypt	214.522.994	230.351.715	205.699.578	-10,7	3,8
Romania	215.806.364	215.115.430	192.495.010	-10,5	3,6
Poland	206.900.020	201.187.705	178.566.146	-11,2	3,3
Belgium	142.162.502	155.655.843	154.670.482	-0,6	2,9
Morocco	158.743.470	154.572.838	153.796.276	-0,5	2,9
Bulgaria	158.882.527	154.597.082	152.503.742	-1,4	2,8
Holland	128.958.776	141.996.610	136.549.284	-3,8	2,5
China	178.571.682	129.353.681	132.742.291	2,6	2,5
Portugal	128.636.918	124.799.005	131.718.329	5,5	2,5
Tunisia	144.478.241	144.294.096	122.882.030	-14,8	2,3
Ukraine	143.768.642	143.979.534	103.370.509	-28,2	1,9
France	105.625.465	105.096.635	97.345.552	-7,4	1,8
Others	1.602.022.866	1.709.057.928	1.578.845.758	-7,6	29,4
Total	5.738.262.032	5.906.559.399	5.364.459.808	-9,2	100,0

Source: Turkstat

TRADE FAIRS OF 2017

All of the trade fairs held in Turkey related to the technical textiles industry are listed at the <http://www.fuarrehberi.org.tr> website which is an official website of the Union and Chambers of Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB). Some of the trade fairs related to the technical textiles industry are listed below.

- **Istanbul Yarn Fair (<http://iplikfuari.com/en>), Istanbul, 02-05 February, 2017, Yarn Trade Event.** Cotton Yarns, Elastic Yarns, Wool Yarns, Polyester Yarns, Metallic Yarns.

USEFUL LINKS

- Istanbul Textile and Apparel Exporters' Associations
www.itkib.org.tr
- Aegean Exporters' Associations
www.egebirlilik.org.tr
- Uludağ Exporters' Association
www.uib.org.tr
- Denizli Exporters' Association

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- www.denib.gov.tr
 - Mediterranean Exporter Associations
www.akib.org.tr
 - Southeast Anatolia Exporters' Associations
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