Textile Barometers

	Latest	Previous	Year
U.S. Textile Indicators:	Month+	Month++	Ago
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	236.4	238.7	276.7
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	175.7	176.9	187.8
Textile mill production workers (BLS, thousands)	201.7	204.0	236.5
Mill product production workers (BLS, thousands)	143.4	145.7	151.9
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$483.99	\$484.80	\$472.43
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$450.99	\$447.30	\$429.18
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	39.9	39.9	39.7
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	40.1	39.5	39.2
Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1997=100)	77.4	76.4	80.1
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	72.9	71.8	73.2
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	119.8	119.5	119.6
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	105.4	105.7	106.3
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	107.0	105.4	102.4
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	0.111	110.6	111.1
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	121.0	120.9	120.8
Home furnishings (1982=100)	123.2	122.3	122.5
Carpet (1982=100)	3 .	132.0	130.4
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$3,408	\$3,314	\$3,319
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$3,276	\$3,290	\$2,788
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$4,952	\$4,998	\$4,962
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$5,124	\$5,171	\$4,980
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.45	1.51	1.50
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.56	1.57	1.79
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$15,728	\$15,673	\$14,350
Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)	153.5	149.7	122.2
Imports (DOC, millions, January year-to-date total)	\$7,065	\$85,419	\$7,086
Exports (DOC, millions, January year-to-date total)	\$1,165	\$15,417	\$1,213
U.S. Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	138,301	138,566	137,318
Unemployment rate (BLS)	5.6	5.6	5.9
Industrial production index (FRB, 1997=100)	113.8	112.9	.
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	185.2	184.3	181.7
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	143.0	139.4	135.5
Personal income (DOC, billions)	\$9,329.3	\$9,245.8	\$8,981.3
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$8,320.0	\$8,306.6	\$7,935.6
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$28,474	\$28,501	\$27,425
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	1,903	2,067	1,828
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	76.2	75.6	75.2

+ Preliminary ++ Revised

*Textile mill numbers include yams, spinning, texturing, throwing and twisting, and all types of fabrics and finishing.

**Textile products numbers include carpet and rugs, curtains, draperies, other home textiles, canvas, tire cord, and fabric and textile bags.