Textile Barometers

US Textile Indicators:	Latest Month ⁺	Previous Month ⁺⁺	Year
			Ago
Textile mill employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)	128.0	130.2	158.5
Mill product employment (BLS, thousands)	129.4	134.3	151.0
Textile mill weekly earnings (BLS)	\$502.61	\$493.56	\$521.86
Mill product weekly earnings (BLS)	\$420.34	\$425.46	\$463.74
Textile mill weekly hours worked (BLS)	86.6	36.5	38.8
Mill product weekly hours worked (BLS)	37.0	37.0	39.3
Textile mill production (Federal Reserve Board, 2002=100)	51.7	54.5	66.5
Textile product production (FRB, 2002=100)	76.0	78.4	87.4
Textile capacity utilization (FRB)	57.4	59.6	67.8
Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)	129.7	130.2	127.4
Man-made fibers (1982=100)	112.9	115.4	114.2
Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)	119.3	121.0	120.7
Greige fabrics (1982=100)	128.5	128.5	22.
Finished fabrics (1982=100)	135.0	36.	130.4
Home furnishings (1982=100)	129.0	129.3	126.2
Carpet (1982=100)	163.6	164.8	157.6
Import price index, textile & fabrics (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	113.0	3.3	110.4
Import price index, textile mill products (BLS, Dec. 2005=100)	100.9	101.0	101.6
*Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)	\$2,226	\$2,272	\$3,027
**Manufacturers' textile product sales (DOC, millions)	\$1,879	\$1,904	\$2,443
Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)	\$3,441	\$3,528	\$3,761
Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)	\$2,914	\$2,986	\$3,249
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills	1.55	1.55	1.24
Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products	1.55	1.57	1.33
Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted)	\$17,939	\$18,266	\$18,655
Imports (DOC, millions, March year-to-date total)	\$19,038	\$13,062	\$21,797
Exports (DOC, millions, March year-to-date total)	\$3,227	\$2,088	\$3,955
US Economic Indicators:			
Employment (BLS, thousands)	140,887	141,748	146,023
Unemployment rate (BLS)	8.5	8.1	5.1
Industrial production index (FRB, 2002=100)	99.7	101.2	112.3
Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)	212.2	211.1	211.7
•	169.5	171.0	172.3
Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)	\$12,127.5	\$12,170.4	\$11,872.1
Personal income (DOC, billions)			
Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)	\$10,637.1	\$10,699.7 \$25.00/	\$10,351.5
Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)	\$34,805	\$35,096	\$34,179
Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)	58.3	477	1,107
Operating rates — all industries (FRB)	70.9	77.9	80.7

+ Preliminary ++ Revised

*Textile mill numbers include yarns, 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.