## **Textile Barometers**

| U.S. Textile Indicators:   | Latest<br>Month+ | Previous<br>Month++ | Year<br>Ago |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| <b>Employment</b> (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)                | 439              | 443                 | 505         |
| <b>Production workers</b> (BLS, thousands)                               | 364              | 368                 | 421         |
| Weekly earnings (BLS)  | \$464.40         | \$466.56            | \$459.59    |
| Weekly hours worked (BLS)  | 40.0             | 40.0                | 40.7        |
| Textile production index (Federal Reserve Board, 1992=100)               | 81.6             | 82.6                | 93.0        |
| Textile capacity utilization (FRB)                                       | 71.2             | 71.8                | 77.2        |
| Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)                 | 120.1            | 120.4               | 121.6       |
| Man-made fibers (1982=100)   | 106.2            | 106.7               | 109.3       |
| Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)                                     | 102.5            | 102.5               | 108.4       |
| Greige fabrics (1982=100)  | 112.4            | 112.6               | 114.3       |
| Finished fabrics (1982=100)  | 120.7            | 121.4               | 121.7       |
| Home furnishings (1982=100)  | 122.1            | 122.7               | 121.9       |
| Carpet (1982=100)  | 130.9            | 128.7               | 131.8       |
| *Manufacturers' textile mill sales (Dept. of Commerce, millions)         | \$3,543          | \$3,569             | \$4,193     |
| <b>**Manufacturers' textile product sales</b> (DOC, millions)            | \$2,785          | \$2,822             | \$2,779     |
| Manufacturers' textile mill inventories (DOC, millions)                  | \$5,86I          | \$6,019             | \$6,855     |
| Manufacturers' textile product inventories (DOC, millions)               | \$4,394          | \$4,420             | \$4,888     |
| Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile mills                                  | 1.65             | 1.69                | 1.63        |
| Inventory-to-sales ratio, textile products                               | 1.58             | 1.57                | 1.76        |
| Clothing & accessories retail sales (DOC, millions, seasonally adjusted) | \$14,593         | \$14,606            | \$14,523    |
| Stock price index (Standard & Poor's, 1994=100)                          | 4 .4             | 135.5               | 124.1       |
| Imports (DOC, millions, January year-to-date total)                      | \$6,223          | \$78,575            | \$6,930     |
| <b>Exports</b> (DOC, millions, January year-to-date total)               | \$1,140          | \$16,611            | \$1,374     |
| U.S. Economic Indicators:  |                  |                     |             |
| Employment (BLS, thousands)  | 133,468          | 134,055             | 135,870     |
| Unemployment rate (BLS)  | 5.5              | 5.6                 | 4.2         |
| Industrial production index (FRB, 1987=100)                              | 136.5            | 136.7               | 144.0       |
| Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100)                                  | 177.1            | 176.7               | 175.2       |
| Producer price index (BLS, 1982=100)                                     | 128.5            | 128.0               | 138.8       |
| Personal income (DOC, billions)  | \$8,768.8        | \$8,771.8           | \$8,519.6   |
| Disposable personal income (DOC, billions)                               | \$7,436.0        | \$7,576.4           | \$7,189.8   |
| Disposable personal income per capita (DOC)                              | \$25,885         | \$26,457            | \$25,33I    |
| Housing starts (DOC, millions, thousands, seasonally adjusted)           | 1,678            | 1,579               | I,666       |
| <b>Operating rates — all industries</b> (FRB)                            | 74.2             | 74.4                | 79.3        |

+ 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.