



TANZANIA COTTON

....White Gold!!!

COTTON FARMING SEASON

Cotton is produced in two designated zone which differ in weather and sowing season. The Western Cotton Growing Areas cotton sowing starts mid November while Eastern Cotton Growing Areas starts early February.

Cotton is grown in 17 regions out of 26 regions in Tanzania, thus making Tanzania a potential cotton business and investment areas. 90% of all cotton is produced in WCGA comprised of Simiyu, Shinyanga, Tabora, Geita, Mwanza, Mara, Singida, Katavi, Kagera, Kigoma, Dodoma and Manyara. Less than 5% is produced in ECGA comprised of Morogoro, Pwani, Tanga, Kilimanjaro and Iringa.

COTTON HARVESTING AND MARKETING

Harvesting begins on May for WCGA and August for ECGA, all cotton is hand picked, no machine harvesting making it one of the best cotton in the world with less trash

Cotton marketing season starts early June ; however all cotton marketing activities are handled at the primary cooperative unions. Private buyers do not have direct link with the cotton farmers. Private buyers liaise with primary cooperatives (commonly referred to as AMCOS) to outsource for the seed cotton. Private companies are licensed to buy seed cotton from the primary co-operative unions where the license last for one season . Each season the license has to be renewed

COTTON GINNING AND EXPORT

There are about 30 cotton ginneries in the country who also operate as seed cotton buyers and cotton lint exporters. However there are cotton lint exporters who do not engage in cotton ginning..

Seed cotton ginning starts mid June and lint exportation goes alongside.

TANZANIA COTTON FIBRE PROPERTIES

Only one variety is produced in the two designated cotton producing zones. The variety was researched and released by Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute .





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The variety bears the underline fiber properties;

- ☑ Ginning Out turn (GOT) 42.3%
- ☑ Fiber strength 28.0 – 32.0 G/Tex
- ☑ Staple length 1.10" – 1.15"
- ☑ Micronaire 3.5– 4.2

Cotton Grades and Types

Cotton from Tanzania is sold basing on grade and staple length
Basic selling grades for cotton from Western Cotton Growing Areas are

- ☑ TANG—Good Middling
- ☑ GANY—Middling
- ☑ YIKA—Good Ordinary

COTTON BUSINESS PROCEDURES

Cotton business is governed by the Cotton Industry Act No.2 of 2001 which was amended by the Crop Laws (Miscellaneous amendment) Act 2009 and its regulations of 2011.

Any company or individual wishing to engage in cotton business has to fulfill the rules and regulation of business practice within the United republic of Tanzania before being licensed by Tanzania Cotton Board who is the regulator of the cotton industry. A person or company wishing to do business in Tanzania can be licensed to procure seed cotton from the farmers through primary Cooperative unions, cotton ginning and exportation. Licenses are seasonal and all registration and application is done in online platform.

Are you looking for best cotton?

Cotton from Tanzania is just what you need

White gold, nep free, trash free, hand picked



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