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Slight capacity growth and higher fibre consumption

ITMF (International Textile Manufacturer Federation (www.itmf.org) has published its report on International Textile Industry Statistics (ITIS) on productive capacity and raw materials consumption in the short-staple organized (spinning mill-) sector in virtually all textile-producing countries in the world.

The global number of installed short-staple spindles has grown from 219 million units in 2020 to 225 million units in 2021 (see Fig. 1). The number of installed open-end rotors slightly increased from 7.9 million to 8.3 million (see Fig. 2). These positive trends contrast with the previous years; mainly because capacities are growing in Asia & Oceania again, led by China. The tendencies observed in other regions are stable. The number of installed air-jet spindles increased in all regions in 2021.


The substitution between shuttle and shuttle-less looms continued in 2021. The number of installed shuttle-less looms increased from 1.62 million in 2020 to 1.72 million in 2021 (see Fig. 3) while installed shuttle looms reached 927 thousand. Total raw material consumption in the short-staple organized sector is back to expected levels after the pandemic and increased from 41.4 million tons in 2020 to 45.6 million tons in 2021 (see Fig. 4). Consumption of raw cotton, synthetic, and cellulosic short-staple fibers increased by +14%, +4%, and +11%, respectively.

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