



Press Statement State of the U.S. Textile Industry Address

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WASHINGTON, DC—National Council of Textile Organizations (NCTO) Chairman David Roberts, who was re-elected for the 2020-2021 term, delivered the trade association's State of the U.S. textile industry overview at NCTO's 17th Annual Meeting on March 24.

Mr. Roberts's speech outlined (1) the U.S. textile industry's heroic efforts producing PPE in the face of a once-in-a-generation pandemic (2) U.S. textile supply chain, economic, trade data, and (3) NCTO's 2020 policy priorities for domestic textile manufacturers.

A link to [his remarks](#) as prepared for delivery are included in this press statement along with a link to a [data infographic](#) prepared by NCTO illustrating the current economic status of the U.S. textile industry.

Mr. Roberts is CEO of Cap Yarns, Inc., a South Carolina specialty yarn manufacturer and a leader in developing unique yarns for the knitting and weaving industry.

NCTO's annual meeting was held virtually March 23-24.

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NCTO is a Washington, DC-based trade association that represents domestic textile manufacturers.

- U.S. employment in the textile supply chain was 530,000 in 2020.
- The value of shipments for U.S. textiles and apparel was \$64.4 billion in 2020.

- U.S. exports of fiber, textiles and apparel were \$25.4 billion in 2020.
- Capital expenditures for textiles and apparel production totaled \$2.38 billion in 2019, the last year for which data is available.

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