

# COTTON MEDIA GUIDE TO THE COTTON INDUSTRY

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## BY-PRODUCTS

### DEFINITION

By-products from the production and ginning of cotton have long been associated with the cotton industry. Through experimentation and research, farmers and ginners have sought ways to turn what seemed like useless trash or leftovers into usable, beneficial and profitable products.

### DETAILS

- Cotton by-products can be found in some of the most unexpected places. Cottonseed oil, for instance, may also be used in non-food items such as glycerol, cosmetics, explosives, rubber and insecticides.
- Their uses vary greatly depending on what part of the plant they come from and how they are processed.
- By-product sales have become a billion dollar business in Texas and across the nation.
- Any cotton product or by-product that is intended for human consumption or medical purposes is strictly legislated and regulated by the FDA and USDA.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Please see the following tutorials:

- Stalks
- Gin Trash
- Cottonseed
- Cottonseed Oil
- Linters
- COBY

### STORY IDEAS

- Local impact of cotton by-products in your area
- Major uses of cotton by-products in your area
- How cotton by-products have contributed to the local economy

### IMPACT

- Billions of dollars of cotton by-products are sold each year.
- An estimated \$4-6 million per year is spent in the state of Texas to remove gin wastes and raw by-products.
- Cotton by-products can be found in many common household items.
- Almost everyone has used a product that contained a cotton by-product at least once in their lifetime, many people use them everyday.