

Cotton Opportunities in Women's Wear

## Women's Wear Plan

- Objective: To develop breakthrough performance technology for knits
- Background: Price and style are the primary purchase drivers at retail
- Priority: Women's wear is the biggest opportunity for cotton in terms of bales and market share


## 2010 U.S. Apparel Sales In US\$ Billions



## Cotton's Market Presence

## Men's Clothing



- Contains Cotton
- Does Not Contain Cotton

Women's Clothing


More 100\% cotton in menswear
$75 \%$ of men's cotton clothing is $100 \%$ cotton

\% of men's cotton clothing that contains the specified cotton content

More cotton blends in womenswear
$60 \%$ of women's cotton clothing is a cotton blend

\% of women's cotton clothing that contains the specified cotton content

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## Declines in Cotton-Dominant Share of Women's \& Girls Knit Tops Imports



## Declines in Cotton-Dominant Share of

Women's and Girls Woven Tops Imports


## Declines in Cotton-Dominant Share of Women's and Girls Bottoms Imports



## Declines in Cotton-Dominant Share of Dresses and Skirts



## Dress Pants



| \% Blended | Single Fibers | Blends |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $92 \%$ | Polyester | Polyester/Rayon/Spandex <br> Rayon/Polyester/Spandex <br> Polyester/Spandex <br> Wool/Spandex <br> Rayon/Spandex |

## Dresses



## \% Blended <br> Single Fibers

## Blends

| $62 \%$ | Polyester | Polyester/Rayon/Spandex | Rayon/Polyester/Spandex |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rayon | Polyester/Spandex | Rayon/Nylon/Spandex |
|  | Silk | Modal/Spandex | Rayon/Nylon |
|  | Nylon | Nylon/Spandex | Rayon/Polyester |
|  |  | Silk/Spandex | Rayon/Spandex |
|  |  | Nylon/Spandex | Polyester/Rayon |

## Skirts



Woven 79\%


| \% Blended | Single Fibers | Blends |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $59 \%$ | Polyester | Polyester/Rayon/Spandex |
|  | Rayon | Polyester/Spandex |
|  |  | Polyester/Rayon |
|  |  | Rayon/Nylon/Spandex |
|  |  | Rayon/Nylon |
|  |  | Rayon/Spandex |

## Opportunities to Increase Cotton's Presence in Womenswear



## Areas of Interest

- Fabric Drape
- Drape is a top purchase driver and is grouped with overall fit of garment.
- Wrinkling Performance
- Improved wrinkle performance for cotton garments will promote a sense of easy care and low maintenance.
- AATCC 128 (Dry Wrinkle Recovery)
- AATCC 124 (Wash and Wear Smoothness)


## Drape Results

## (testing performed on garments from retail)

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36 \text { = best possible rating }
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## Wrinkle Recovery Results

(testing performed on garments from retail)


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## Thank You



