

## **Annual Report 2022 of the Bremen Cotton Exchange**

A must for anyone who wants to keep track of the cotton business.

Bremen, 2 October 2023: The recently published annual report of the Bremen Cotton Exchange provides a comprehensive analysis of the global cotton market in 2022.

Detailed country reports on the production and processing of the natural fibre along with numerous diagrams and tables make the report an essential resource for branch experts along



the entire supply chain. Long-term statistics on yields, trading and on price developments illustrate trends up to the current point in time.

### Focus on India



Country outline India with cotton growing regions © Bremen Cotton Exchange

One focus this year is on the cotton situation in India – the country that has by far the largest cotton-growing area in the world. The Indian cotton production and more than 10 million mainly small farmers have been suffering from falling yields for years. This has consequences for the processing of the natural fibre in the country, too.

Further analyses in the annual report also make it clear how the various crises of the past years – Corona, war and climate change – affect various



players in the global market. Furthermore, the publication includes detailed insights into the entire textile supply chain with a focus on German-speaking countries and Europe.



Cotton harvest © courtesy of Cotton Australia, photographer Nick Robinson

## **Activities in the Anniversary Year**

The activity report of the Bremen Cotton Exchange, which is also included, highlights the activities in the jubilee year of the association's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. With the publication of the anniversary book, an anniversary conference with a gala dinner and a splendidly attended open day, one highlight followed the other. What becomes clear moreover is the Bremen Cotton Exchange's commitment to a wide range of initiatives relating to cotton and natural fibres as well as its integration into a wide network of partners.

## Important Branch Information in English and German

Cotton traders, processors and other industry experts use the annual report regularly to make informed business decisions. The print publication with its more than 100 pages is available in English and German and can be ordered in the <a href="mailto:Shop">Shop</a> on the Bremen Cotton Exchange website and by e-mail to <a href="mailto:info@baumwollboerse.de">info@baumwollboerse.de</a>. Members of the association receive the report automatically, and the publication is free of charge for the press.



We will gladly answer any further questions you may have. We are also available for interviews with press representatives at any time.

The photos and diagrams from the press release can be used for editorial reporting purposes provided the source is cited.

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### **About the Bremen Cotton Exchange**

The Bremen Cotton Exchange is an internationally networked industry organisation and recognised service provider. It was founded in 1872 by Bremen merchants as cotton from manufacturing countries such as America, after first being tested for its quality, was delivered to the emerging textile industry in Europe via Bremen ports. Based on its more than 150-year history and the experience gained in dialogue with the market, the Bremen Cotton Exchange is regarded by the industry as a recognised authority and a strong partner for its neutrality and independence. Today, this does not only apply to the cotton trade, spinners/weavers and service providers for the cotton industry, but also to the downstream textile and clothing industry.

The Cotton Exchange is an international arbitration body for the settlement of disputes concerning the processing of commercial contracts and quality defects. Judgments by the Cotton Exchange's Arbitration Committee are made in accordance with the 1958 New York Convention. They are internationally recognised and therefore quickly enforceable.

Within the scope of its information activities, the Bremen Cotton Exchange is available to the public, the press and specialist representatives as a contact person for all questions relating to cotton as a raw material.

The Bremen Cotton Exchange has been running the International Cotton Association Quality and Research Centre Bremen GmbH as a joint venture with the International Cotton Association Ltd. (Liverpool) since 2011. This has made Bremen the international centre for cotton quality testing, research, training, and certification. Bremen is home to an excellently equipped, state of the art laboratory.

Every two years, the cotton world gathers in Bremen: Together with its testing laboratory, the Fibre Institute Bremen (FIBRE), the Bremen Cotton Exchange hosts the International Cotton Conference, which has become the world's leading conference in the field of cotton testing. Around 500 guests from all over the world regularly travel to the Hanseatic city to attend the high-ranking sessions and to take the opportunity to make personal business contacts.