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AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of cotton," approved July 22, 1912.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Director of the Census be, and he is hereby, au-
4 thorized and directed to collect and publish statistics con-
5 cerning the amount of cotton ginned; the quantity of raw
6 cotton consumed in manufacturing establishments of every
7 character; the quantity of baled cotton on hand; the number
8 of active consuming cotton spindles; the number of active
9 spindle hours, and the quantity of cotton imported and ex-
10 ported, with the country of origin and destination.

1 SEC. 2. That the statistics of the quantity of cotton
2 ginned shall show the quantity ginned from each crop prior
3 to August 1, August 16, September 1, September 16, Octo-
4 ber 1, October 18, November 1, November 14, December
5 1, December 13, January 16, and March 1: *Provided*, That
6 the Director of the Census may limit the canvasses of August
7 1 and August 16, to those sections of the cotton-growing
8 States in which cotton has been ginned. The quantity of
9 cotton consumed in manufacturing establishments, the quan-
10 tity of baled cotton on hand, the number of active consuming
11 cotton spindles, the number of active spindle hours, and the
12 statistics of cotton imported and exported shall relate to each
13 calendar month, and shall be published as soon as possible
14 after the close of the month. Each report published by the
15 Bureau of the Census of the quantity ginned shall carry with
16 it the latest available statistics concerning the quantity of
17 cotton consumed, stocks of baled cotton on hand, the number
18 of cotton-consuming spindles, and the quantity of cotton
19 imported and exported.

20 All of these publications containing statistics of cotton
21 shall be mailed by the Director of the Census to all cotton
22 ginners, cotton manufacturers, and cotton warehousemen, and
23 to all daily newspapers throughout the United States. The
24 Director of the Census shall furnish to the Department of
25 Agriculture, immediately prior to the publication of each

1 report of that bureau regarding the cotton crop, the latest
2 available statistics hereinbefore mentioned, and the said De-
3 partment of Agriculture shall publish the same in connection
4 with each of its reports concerning cotton.

5 SEC. 3. That the information furnished by any indi-
6 vidual establishment under the provisions of this Act shall be
7 considered as strictly confidential and shall be used only for
8 the statistical purpose for which it is supplied. Any em-
9 ployee of the Bureau of the Census who, without the written
10 authority of the Director of the Census, shall publish or
11 communicate any information given into his possession by
12 reason of his employment under the provisions of this Act
13 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction
14 thereof, be fined not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000 or
15 imprisoned for a period of not exceeding one year, or both
16 so fined and imprisoned, at the discretion of the court.

17 SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of every owner, presi-
18 dent, treasurer, secretary, director, or other officer or agent
19 of any cotton ginnery, manufacturing establishment, ware-
20 house, or other place where cotton is ginned, manufactured,
21 or stored, whether conducted as a corporation, firm, limited
22 partnership, or by individuals, when requested by the
23 Director of the Census or by any special agent or other
24 employee of the Bureau of the Census acting under the

1 instructions of said director, to furnish completely and cor-
2 rectly, to the best of his knowledge, all of the information
3 concerning the quantity of cotton ginned, consumed, or on
4 hand, and the number of cotton-consuming spindles, and
5 active spindle hours. The request of the Director of the
6 Census for information concerning the quantity of cotton
7 ginned or consumed, stocks of cotton on hand, and number
8 of spindles and spindle hours may be made in writing or
9 by a visiting representative, and if made in writing shall be
10 forwarded by registered mail, and the registry receipt of the
11 Post Office Department shall be accepted as evidence of such
12 demand. Any owner, president, treasurer, secretary, direc-
13 tor, or other officer or agent of any cotton ginnery, manufac-
14 turing establishment, warehouse, or other place where cotton
15 is ginned or stored, who, under the conditions hereinbefore
16 stated, shall refuse or willfully neglect to furnish any of the
17 information herein provided for or shall willfully give
18 answers that are false shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,
19 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$300
20 or more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for a period of not ex-
21 ceeding one year, or both so fined and imprisoned, at the
22 discretion of the court.

23 SEC. 5. That in addition to the information regarding
24 cotton in the United States hereinbefore provided for, the

1 Director of the Census shall compile, by correspondence of
2 the use of published reports and documents, any available
3 information concerning the production, consumption, and
4 stocks of cotton in foreign countries, and the number of
5 cotton-consuming spindles in such countries. Each report
6 published by the Bureau of the Census regarding cotton
7 shall contain an abstract of the latest available information
8 obtained under the provisions of this section, and the Di-
9 rector of the Census shall furnish the same to the Depart-
10 ment of Agriculture for publication in connection with the
11 reports of that department concerning cotton in the same
12 manner as in the case of statistics relating to the United
13 States.

14 SEC. 6. That the reports of cotton ginned to the dates
15 as of which the Department of Agriculture is also required
16 to issue cotton crop reports shall be issued simultaneously
17 with the cotton crop reports of that department, the two
18 reports to be issued from the same place at eleven o'clock
19 antemeridian on the eighth day following that on which the
20 respective reports relate. When such date of release falls
21 on Sunday or a legal holiday the reports shall be issued at
22 eleven o'clock antemeridian on the next succeeding workday.

23 SEC. 7. That the Act of Congress authorizing the
24 Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of

- 1 cotton, approved July 22, 1912, and all other laws and parts
- 2 of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
- 3 hereby repealed.

Passed the Senate January 23, 1924.

Attest: GEORGE A. SANDERSON,

Secretary.

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