

An Analysis of Substitution  
Relationships Among Different  
Staple Lengths of Cotton

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## INTRODUCTION

### Problem Statement

Production and disappearance of United States Upland cotton, on an average annual basis, was approximately the same through the mid 1960's as in the 1930's (see tables in appendix for sources of data). Within this aggregate, however, there have been substantial changes in the relative importance of different staple lengths. For example, annual average production of cotton stapling less than one-inch<sup>1</sup> in the period 1938-41, was 5,075,000 bales (44% of total production), whereas annual average production of short staple cotton in the period 1962-66, was 3,801,000 bales (27% of total production). Annual average disappearance of short staple cotton has decreased from 5,555,000 bales in the 1938-41 period (48% of total disappearance) to 2,831,000 bales in the 1962-66 period (22% of total disappearance).

This situation is of particular concern to Texas cotton producers where, in recent years, an average of 70% of annual production is short staple cotton, and to Texas High Plains producers (crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S), where an average of 96% of annual production is short staple cotton.

Production of agricultural commodities, including cotton, tends to vary considerably from one year to another because of adverse weather, disease, etc. This causes prices of these commodities to be high in

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Throughout this report, unless otherwise specified, cotton stapling less than one-inch will be referred to as "short staple cotton." Upland cotton with a staple length of one-inch or greater will be referred to as "long staple cotton."

years of short crops and low in years of bumper crops. In order to provide for more uniform pricing, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) was established by the Federal government in 1933 to support prices of agricultural commodities. In the case of most storable commodities, such as cotton, this was done by use of the "nonrecourse loan." Under this system, if the market price of a commodity is lower than the support price, the farmer places his product in acceptable storage and receives a loan reflecting the amount of the support price. If the market price rises above the loan rate, before a specified date, the farmer may sell his product and repay the loan plus storage costs. Otherwise, the commodity is delivered to the government and the farmer keeps the loan. The CCC may dispose of its acquired stocks whenever market prices exceed release prices or at times through non-competing outlets.

Prices for cotton, administered under this setup, have apparently been higher than they otherwise would have been. Production has tended to exceed offtake at support prices. Excessive accumulations of total CCC stocks have made special sales programs necessary to reduce the surplus.

Also, support prices for short staple cotton, relative to long staple cotton, have apparently been higher than the demand for short staple relative to the demand for all cotton would justify, especially in recent years. For example, on August 1, 1961, there was practically no short staple cotton in CCC stocks (approximately 3,000 bales). On August 1, 1966 there was a record high of 4,814,000 bales of short staple cotton in CCC stocks. This represented 40% of total CCC stocks, while annual average production of short staple cotton from August 1, 1962 through August 1, 1966 was only 27% of total production.

### Objectives

The general objective of this report was to develop and analyze trends associated with technological and economic factors which may have important implications for determining the demand for short staple cotton. More specifically, the objectives were:

1. To develop and analyze trends in the supply and disappearance of different staple lengths of cotton.
2. To estimate statistically the influence of government price supports and various demand and supply factors and time on relative prices of short and long staple cotton.
3. To estimate statistically the effects of changes in relative prices of cotton on relative disappearance and supply and changes or shifts in relative demand, over time.

### Review of Literature

There have been numerous publications concerning the demand and substitution interrelationships between various agricultural commodities. Schultz<sup>2</sup> developed the theoretical basis for several tests of demand interrelationships between different commodities. Hoos<sup>3</sup> investigated the demand relations of pears to plums, peaches, and oranges. Rudd and Shuffet<sup>4</sup>

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Henry Schultz, The Theory and Measurement of Demand (Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1938), pp. 569-654.

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Sidney Hoos, "An Investigation on Complementary Relations Between Fresh Fruits: A Rejoinder," *Journal of Farm Economics*, Vol. 24 (May 1942), pp. 528-529.

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Robert W. Rudd and D. Milton Shuffet, Demand Interrelationships Among Domestic Cigarette Tobaccos, Bulletin 633 (Lexington, June, 1955).

used disappearance and price ratios to explain the demand interrelationships between different kinds of cigarette tobacco in the United States. Meinken, Rojko and King<sup>5</sup> used various measurements of demand interrelationships to analyze the competitive relationships between beef and pork in Canada. Thuroczy<sup>6</sup> analyzed the demand relationships between long and medium grain rice.

The works of these authors, though not directly related to the demand interrelationships between different staple lengths of cotton, were of great assistance in providing guidelines for the theoretical and organizational format of this report.

#### CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Nonrecourse loan prices, administered through the Commodity Credit Corporation, are established by a system of premiums and discounts added to or subtracted from the price of a base quality and staple length of cotton (middling one-inch since 1955). The base price and premiums and discounts are set by the Secretary of Agriculture, in accordance with the legislation establishing the program. These support prices, when in effect, are the minimum market prices for all specified qualities of cotton. This is because the Federal government stands ready to take all eligible qualities of cotton which the farmer cannot sell on the market at loan prices or better.

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K. W. Meinken, A. S. Rojko and G. A. King, "Measurement of Substitution in Demand From Time Series Data - A Synthesis of Three Approaches," Journal of Farm Economics, Vol. 38 (August, 1956), pp. 711-735.

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Nicholas M. Thuroczy, Marketing Long-and-Medium-Grain Rice, United States Department of Agriculture, Marketing Research Report No. 251) Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, July, 1958).

These are several ways in which the price and disappearance relationships between short and long staple cotton are affected by a price support program. In years when there is excess production of both short and long staple cotton, relative to the demand for cotton at support prices, the average market price ratio of short to long staple cotton is determined by the support price ratio. When the production of both short and long staple cotton is relatively low, market price ratios will be determined by the supply and demand situation, instead of price support ratios.

A low level of production of short or long staple cotton relative to all cotton production, will have the effect of widening the difference between price support ratios and average market price ratios. Net additions of all qualities of cotton to CCC stocks means price support ratios establish average market ratios, and the absence of net additions of all qualities to CCC stocks indicates that the supply and demand situation determines average market price ratios.

In the absence of price support programs, relative prices of different staple lengths would be determined by their relative supplies and demand, and excess production would move into domestic consumption, exports or private storage instead of CCC stocks. This would mean greater variations in the price of any one staple length relative to the prices of other staple lengths and smaller carryover stocks of various qualities relative to production from one year to another, since the demand for cotton is fairly stable.

The demand for a commodity may be defined as the quantity of that commodity which will be taken per unit of time at all possible alternative



prices, other relevant factors held constant.<sup>7</sup> There are two separate but related groups of "other relevant factors" which do not stay constant and, therefore, affect the demand for an intermediate product<sup>8</sup> such as raw cotton. Both groups of factors have a significant influence on the demand for a raw product.

The first group may be classified under the broad heading of technology. Changes in technology include changes in machinery, labor, structure of the final product, and many other factors which have a direct effect on the manufacturing process itself. A change in any one of these factors can have important implications concerning raw product use.

The speed at which newer, more advanced, textile machinery is operated has increased significantly in recent years. For example, spindle speed has increased from 9,200 RPM in 1950 to 14,000 RPM in 1965 - a 52% increase in fifteen years.<sup>9</sup> Fiber quality tests conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture have shown that "... the longer staples are usually finer and stronger than the shorter staples ...,"<sup>10</sup> therefore, downtime, caused by thread breakage, is more frequent with the use of short staple cotton instead of the stronger, long staple cotton. This

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Richard H. Leftwich, The Price System and Resource Allocation, Third Edition (New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1966), p. 25.

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An intermediate product is one which requires further processing before sale to the final consumer.

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W. A. Turner, "Reaching Toward a Push-Button Era," The Cotton Trade Journal - 33rd International Edition, 1966, p. 23.

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United States Department of Agriculture, The Classification of Cotton, Miscellaneous Publication No. 310, BAE, USDA (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, May, 1938), p. 33.

increases fixed cost per unit of production, which, together with rising labor costs, sometimes makes the cost of using short staple cotton prohibitive.

Another change in the textile industry has been the increased production of blends of cotton and man-made fibers. This has also affected the demand for short staple cotton relative to all cotton since most of these blends are made using long staple cotton.<sup>11</sup>

Although technological changes in the textile industry have been important factors affecting the relative demand for short staple cotton, the second group of factors, which could be labeled as social standards of living and working, have also had important implications. One of these factors is rising per capita income. The demand for higher quality goods generally increases as incomes rise, and the production of higher quality cotton products usually requires longer staple cotton.<sup>12</sup>

Also, increased urbanization and the increase in the number of "white collar" workers relative to the number of "blue collar" workers has increased the demand for higher quality products.

Mathematically, the demand for short staple relative to the demand for long staple cotton can be expressed as:

$$R_Q = F(R_p/T, C, I)$$

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South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, Clemson University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Factors Affecting Use of Southeastern Cotton and Competing Fibers, Bulletin 532, February, 1967.

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Walter V. Woodworth, Guest Editorial, The Cotton Digest International, February 17, 1968, p. 6.

where  $R_Q$  = ratio of the quantities taken of the two commodities

$R_p$  = ratio of the price per unit of the two commodities

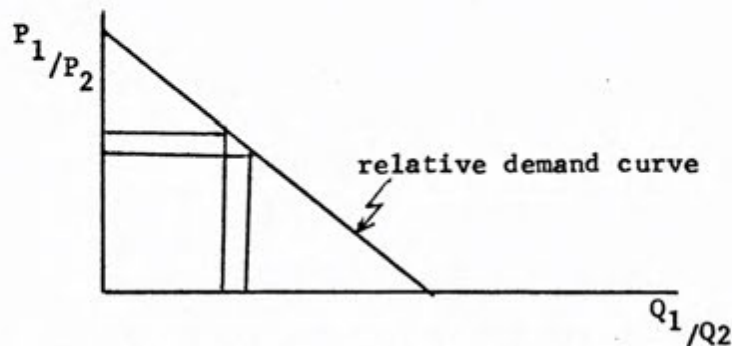
T = technology

C = consumer tastes and preferences

I = per capita income

The vertical bar denotes that all remaining variables are held constant, including time.

Graphically, the theoretical demand function for short staple relative to long staple cotton, at a given point in time, is illustrated in the following diagram:



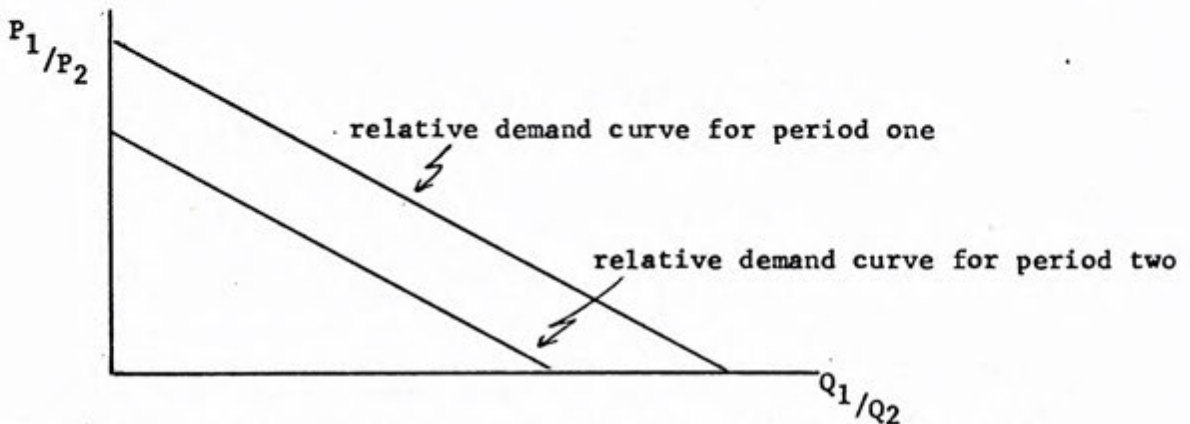
where:  $P_1/P_2$  = price of short staple ( $P_1$ ) relative to the price of long staple cotton ( $P_2$ ) represented in this report by the price of middling 15/16" and middling 1 1/16" staple lengths cotton, respectively

$Q_1/Q_2$  = disappearance ratio of short staple to long staple cotton

The slope of the relative demand curve is the change in the price ratio associated with a point change in the disappearance ratio. Expressed as a logarithmic relationship between the price and quantity ratios, the

slope of the relative demand curve is "the elasticity of substitution"<sup>13</sup> between short and long staple cotton.

Changes in the demand for short staple relative to long staple cotton over a long period of time, as discussed in the previous section, are illustrated in the following graph.



The above graph shows that the amount of short staple cotton consumed relative to the amount of long staple consumed, at all possible price relationships between the two, has decreased in the second period of time. This change occurred as a result of changes in standards of living and working, and changes in technology.

The demand for raw cotton by textile mills is determined by its spinning and weaving properties, quality of the finished product, etc. The quality of cotton yarn (thread), the end product of spinning, is classified under a number system. Smaller numbers represent coarse or thick yarn and the higher numbers represent the finer, higher quality yarns.

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Percent change in the quantity-ratio associated with a one-percent change in the price ratio (see page 17 for further discussion of the elasticity of substitution).

*elasticity of substitution*

Shorter staple lengths are generally associated with lower yarn counts and longer staple lengths with higher yarn counts (see Table 1).

The uses or end products which can be made from different yarn counts vary from mill to mill. A mill with exceptionally good equipment and skillful operators can produce a given quality cloth with a lower quality of cotton. The staple length of cotton used in the production of ounce duck ranges from 13/16" to 1 1/32" (nearly 1/4" difference). There are several measures of the performance of manufactured cotton products. One of these measurements is yarn strength (in lbs. per sq. in.). As the lower end of the range of staple lengths is increased, yarn strength also increases (see Table 2), however, the subsequent increases are small, making it necessary to use a much greater staple length of cotton to increase the strength of the product significantly.

Waste decreases as the length of the staple increases, however, after leaving the shorter staple lengths (app. 13/16" or less), a large increase in the length of staple used would be necessary to make any significant changes in the amount of waste.

There is no current data available which specifies exactly what product a mill can produce, given a certain grade and staple length of cotton. Estimates of ranges of staple lengths used in the manufacture of various cotton products and the yarn count which may be expected from the different staple lengths, such as is presented in Table 3, is about as close to estimating the range of technical substitution between different staple lengths of cotton in the production of various end products as is possible with the information currently available.

Table 1 - Approximate Maximum Yarn Counts for Warp Yarns

Spun from Cotton of Specified Staple Lengths

Staple Length of Cotton (inches)	Approximate Maximum Yarn Count
7/8 .....	16s
29/32 .....	20s
15/16 .....	24s
31/32 .....	28s
1 .....	32s
1 1/32 .....	36s
1 1/16 .....	40s
1 3/32 .....	44s
1 1/8 .....	50s
1 3/16 - 1 1/4 .....	60s

Source: Qualities of Cotton Used in the United States of America to Produce Principal Fabrics, Anderson, Clayton, & Company, Fiber and Spinning Laboratory, Houston, Texas, 1956. p. 1.

Table 2 - Cottons Used in Mfg. of Various Fabrics, by  
Yarn and Staple Length Classification

Range of Staple Length	Average Staple Length	Yarn Strength (lbs.)	Product Produced	Yarn Count
13/16 - 1 1/16	15/16	92-97	Ounce Duck Osnaburg Blankets	12s - 40s
7/8 - 1 1/16	$\frac{31.7}{32}$	102-108	Warrow sheeting Denim	16s - 40s
15/16 - 1 1/16	$\frac{32.4}{32}$	103-108	Chafer Fabric Flannel	24s - 40s
31/32 - 1 1/16	$\frac{32.4}{32}$	98-109	Wide Sheeting Woven Terry Toweling Jacquard Woven	28s - 40s

Source: "Cotton Fiber Table, 1958 Revision," Textile World, June, 1958.

Table 3 - Use of American Upland Cotton in U.S.  
Textile Mills, by Yarn Classification, 1966

Yarn Count	Total Number of Bales of Cotton Used	Number of Bales of Short staple Cotton Used	Short staple Cotton Used as a Percent of Total Cotton Used	Distribution of Short Staple Cotton Used in Textile Mills, by Yarn Classification
8s - 12s	35,500	30,999	87.32	Coarse Yarn - 54,005 bales 23.04% of short staple cotton used by textile mills
13s - 16s	309,225	23,006	7.44	
17s - 19s	287,951	77,544	26.97	Medium yarn - 127,356 bales 54.34% of short staple cotton used by textile mills
20s - 25s	878,520	49,812	5.67	
26s - 31s	838,383	52,996	6.32	Fine yarn - 52,996 bales 22.61% of short staple cotton used by textile mills

Source: Factors Affecting Use of Southeastern Cotton and Competing Fibers, Bulletin 532, Dept. of Ag. Eco., South Carolina Experimental Station, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, February, 1967, p. 40.



Given the range of possible technical substitution between short staple and long staple cotton in the production of some end product, technology, tastes, and preferences held constant at some level, there will be some point at which the price differential between short and long staple cotton will be great enough that, even though processing costs using short staple cotton are higher, the lower price of the raw product will enable the textile mill to maximize profits by substituting short staple for long staple cotton.

A relatively lower price for short staple cotton, given technology, tastes and preferences, on the other hand, might enable the textile mill to maximize profits by producing a lower quality product with the now lower price raw product.

#### METHODS AND PROCEDURES

The data used in the report was mostly secondary, coming primarily from U.S.D.A. publications. Some of the information concerning textile mills was taken from various textile journals and magazines. The period of analysis was 1938-66.

The first objective of this report was accomplished by tabulating the production, supply and disappearance of short and long staple cotton for each of the years in the analysis. Production, supply and disappearance ratios (percentages) of short staple to long staple cotton were computed for each year. Annual average market and government support price ratios of short staple to long staple cotton, represented by yearly average market and support prices of 15/16" and 1 1/16" staple length cotton, respectively, were also computed.

*Middling*

Linear least squares regression equations were used to accomplish the second and third objectives. A regression equation shows the functional relationship that exists between some dependent variable and one or more independent variables. This relationship may be expressed mathematically as:

$$Y = a + b_1X_1 + b_2X_2 + \dots + b_iX_i$$

where: Y = dependent variable

a = regression constant term

$b_i$  = regression coefficients

$X_i$  = independent variables

(i = 1, 2, 3, . . . , k)

This equation expresses the functional relationship that exists between the dependent variable Y and each of the independent variables, other relevant factors held constant. The absolute value of each of the regression coefficients ( $b_i$ ) shows the change in the dependent variable as the result of a one-unit change in one of the independent variables, other variables held constant at a given level. The signs of the b-values indicate the kind of relationship (negative or positive) that exists between the dependent variables and each of the independent variables.

A logarithmic regression equation expresses the relationship between the dependent and the independent variables in percentage instead of absolute terms. The general form of a logarithmic regression equation is:

$$\log Y = a + b_1 \log X_1 + b_2 \log X_2 . . . + b_i \log X_i$$

where: y = logarithm of the dependent variable

a = regression constant term

$b_i$  = regression coefficients

$\log X_i$  = logarithms of the independent variables

(i = 1, 2, 3, . . . , k)

A one percent change in the independent variable  $X_1$  will result in a  $b_1$  percent change in  $Y$ , all other relevant variables held constant at a given level. The value of  $b_1$ , therefore, is the elasticity of demand for  $Y$ , if  $Y$  and  $X_1$  represent quantity consumed per unit of time and price per unit of some product, respectively. The value of  $b_1$  is the "elasticity of substitution" between two products if  $Y$  = quantity ratio and  $X_1$  = price ratio of the two products.

There are many procedures used to test the closeness of the "fit" of a least squares estimating equation. Generally, several descriptive constants are examined at the same time to determine the validity of the estimating equation. One of these constants is the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ), which is the percent of total variation of the dependent variable explained by the independent variables in the estimating equation.  $R^2$  is not always necessarily a reliable measure of the "goodness of fit" for an estimating equation, however, such as when two or more of the independent variables are highly correlated.

Students' "t" test is a test of the significance of each of the independent variables in explaining variation of the dependent variable. Computed t's were compared to the tabulated t's in Table A.3 of Steel and Torrie<sup>14</sup> for levels of significance.

The regression equations and all related tests of significance were programmed and run on the Texas Tech IBM 7040 and IBM 360/40 computers.<sup>15</sup>

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Robert G. Steele and James H. Torrie, Principles and Procedures of Statistics, (New York, McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc. 1960).

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Programs were designed by Dr. H. Y. Lee of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas.

Elasticity of Substitution

The elasticity of substitution, using the price and quantity ratios of two commodities, is an indication of the kind of relationship which exists between the two commodities. A negative elasticity coefficient denotes substitution and a positive coefficient denotes complementarity. The magnitude of the coefficient indicates the degree of substitution. The elasticity of substitution may be defined as the percentage change in the quantity (disappearance) ratio of two commodities associated with a change of one percent in the price ratio of the two commodities, other factors held constant.<sup>16</sup> Mathematically, the elasticity of substitution is:

$$Es = \frac{\% \Delta Q_R}{\% \Delta P_R} = \frac{\Delta Q_R}{\Delta P_R} \cdot \frac{P_R}{Q_R} = \frac{\Delta X_1}{\Delta X_2} \cdot \frac{\bar{X}_2}{\bar{X}_1} = \left( \frac{1}{b_1} \right) \cdot \frac{\bar{X}_2}{\bar{X}_1}$$

*which is dependent variable*

- where: Es = elasticity of substitution
- $\Delta Q_R$  = change in the quantity ratio
- $\Delta P_R$  = change in the price ratio
- $\bar{X}_1$  = mean of the quantity ratios
- $\bar{X}_2$  = mean of the price ratios

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<sup>16</sup>K. W. Meinken, A. S. Rojko and G. A. King, "Measurement of Substitution in Demand from Time Series Data-A Sythesis of Three Approaches," Journal of Farm Economics, Vol. 38 (August, 1956), pp. 711-735.

FINDINGS

Trends and Developments in the Supply and Disappearance of  
Short Staple Cotton in the United States

Production

U. S.

In 1938, 49% of the cotton produced in the United States had a staple length of less than one inch (short staple cotton). Production of 15/16" and 31/32" staple length cotton accounted for 55% of the short staple cotton produced. On the average, production of short staple cotton declined, both absolutely and relative to the production of all cotton in the period from 1938-1956. Production of short staple cotton dropped to a low, for the period of analysis, of 21% of total production in 1956. Since that time, the number of bales of short staple cotton produced per year has varied considerably, but the percentage of short staple to all cotton production has averaged approximately 25% of total production from 1956 to 1966. Production of 15/16" and 31/32" staple length cotton has increased relative to the production of all short staple cotton from 55% in 1938 to a high of 90% in 1960, but then decreased to 71% in 1966.

Texas

In 1940, 77% of the Texas cotton crop was short staple cotton.<sup>17</sup> The relative amounts of short staple and long staple cotton produced in Texas have varied from 83% in 1944 to 62% in 1957, averaging

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<sup>17</sup> 1940 is the first year in which production by staple lengths is available for Texas.

approximately 74% from 1940 - 1966.

The production of 15/16" and 31/32" staple length cotton has increased slightly, relative to the production of all short staple cotton, from 53% in 1940 to 69% in 1966. 89% of the short staple cotton produced in Texas in 1960 was 15/16" and 31/32" staple length, but this figure has decreased since then to 69% in 1966.

The production of short staple relative to long staple cotton has decreased during the period of analysis in the U. S., but has remained fairly constant in Texas. This means that the production of short staple cotton in Texas has increased relative to the production of short staple cotton in the United States. The production of 15/16" and 31/32" staple length cotton relative to the production of all short staple cotton has increased during the period in the United States and in Texas, but there has been a relatively greater increase in the U. S. This means that the production ratio of 15/16" and 31/32" staple length cotton to all short staple cotton in Texas has decreased relative to the production ratio of 15/16" and 31/32" in the United States.

#### High Plains

In 1940, 96% of the cotton produced on the High Plains of Texas (crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S) had less than one inch staple length.<sup>18</sup> Production of 15/16" and 31/32" staple length cotton accounted for only 21% of the short staple cotton produced. The production of short staple cotton on the High Plains relative to the production of long staple has ranged from a high for the period of 98% in 1943 to a

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<sup>18</sup> Earliest that production by staple lengths is available.

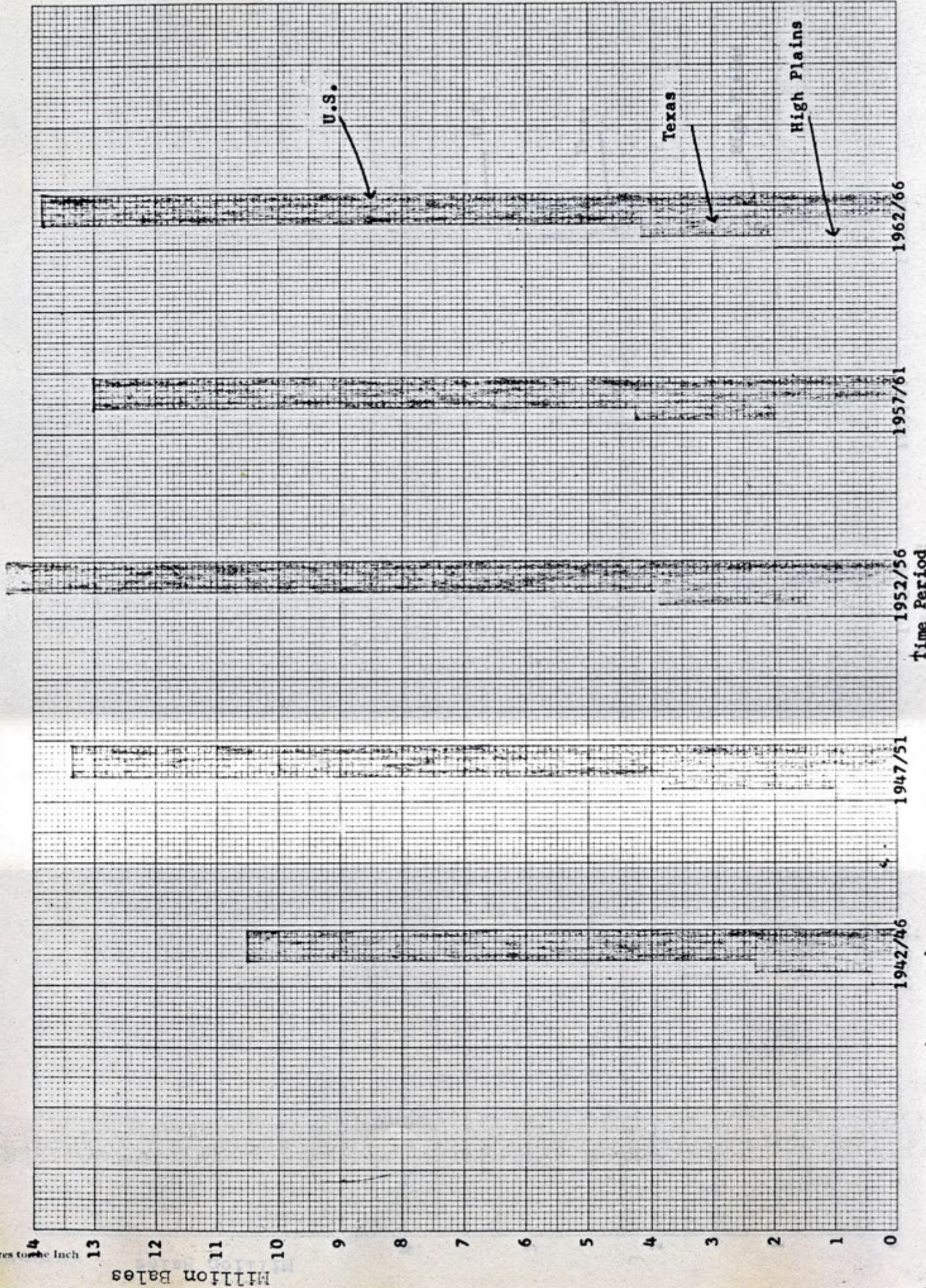
low of 71% in 1956. 88% of the 1966 High Plains' cotton crop was short staple cotton, however, 79% of the short staple crop was 15/16" and 31/32" staple length cotton.

The amount of short staple cotton produced on the High Plains relative to the amount of long staple production has remained fairly constant during the period, averaging around 90%. The amount of 15/16" and 31/32" staple length cotton produced, relative to the total amount of short staple cotton production, has increased significantly from 21% in 1940 to 79% in 1966. This means that the production of short staple cotton on the High Plains has remained about the same relative to the production of short staple cotton in Texas, and has increased relative to the production of short staple cotton in the U. S. The production ratio of 15/16" and 31/32" staple length cotton to the production of all short staple cotton has increased relatively more on the High Plains than in Texas and the United States.

Summary of Production Trends in the U. S.,  
Texas, and High Plains

The amount of short staple cotton (less than one inch) produced in the United States has decreased from 49% of total production in 1938 to 27% in 1966. Texas' production of short staple cotton compared to the production of long staple cotton has remained fairly constant over the period. 77% of the 1940 Texas cotton crop was short staple cotton, compared with 75% in 1966. The High Plains has had a slight decrease in the production of short staple cotton compared to the production of long staple cotton. 96% of the 1940 High Plains crop was short staple cotton, decreasing to 88% in 1966 (See Figures 1 & 2).

Figure 1. Production of U.S. Upland cotton, United States, Texas, and High Plains, 1942-1966(5-year averages)



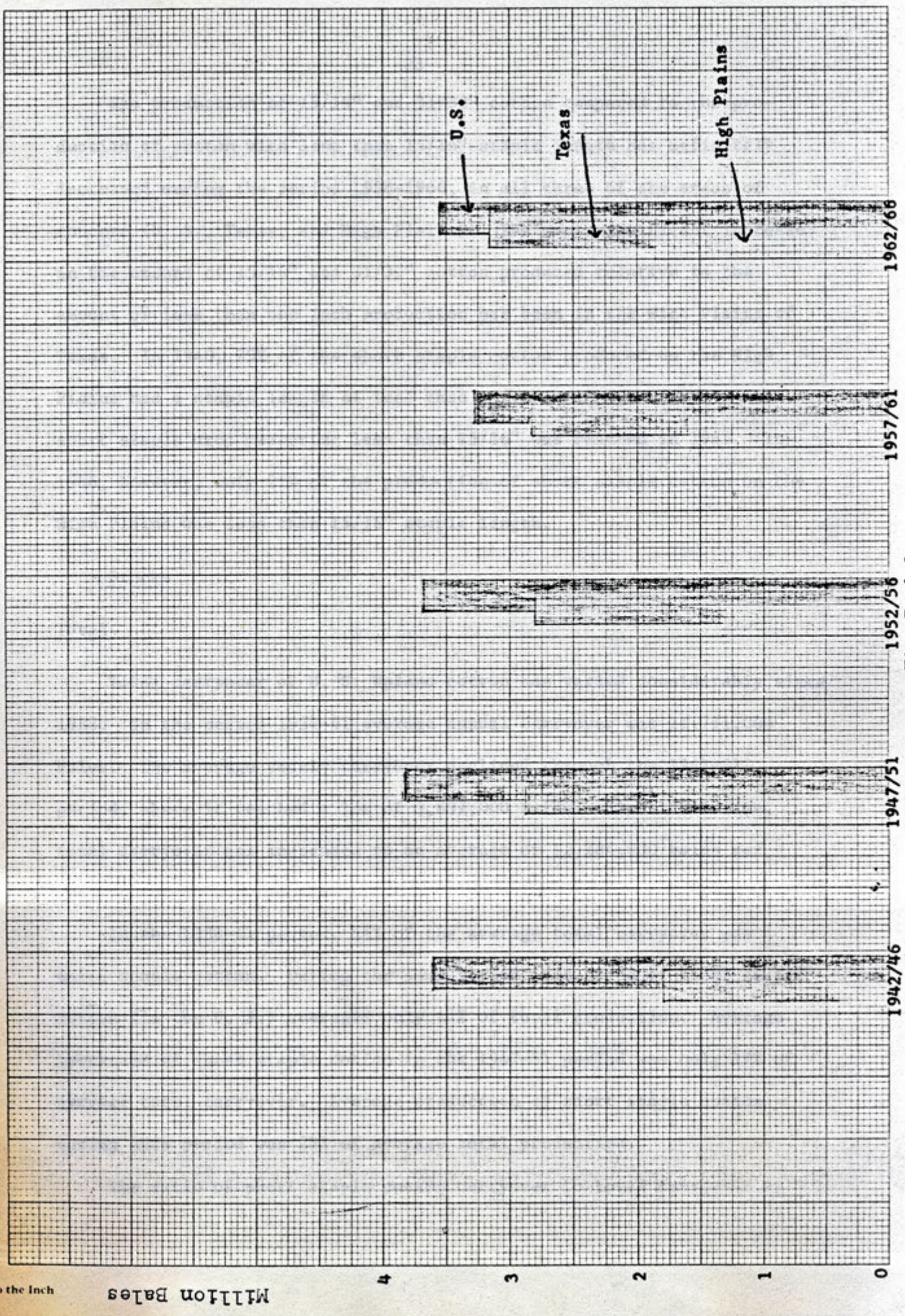
20 Squares to the Inch

Million Bales

Source: Table IV (Appendix)



Figure 2. Production of 41" U.S. Upland cotton, United States, Texas, and High Plains, 1942-66, (5-year averages)



The production of 15/16" and 31/32" cotton compared to the production of cotton with less than 15/16" staple length has definitely increased during the period 1938-1966, in all three of the areas of concern (U. S., Texas, and High Plains). The most significant increase in the amount of 15/16" and 31/32" cotton produced relative to the amount of less than one inch production has been in the High Plains of Texas. In 1940, 79% of the short staple cotton produced on the High Plains had a staple length of less than 15/16". A high of 97% of the short staple crop measuring less than 15/16" was reached in 1943. In 1966, however, only 21% of the production of short staple cotton on the High Plains was less than 15/16" staple length.

#### Stocks

##### Total

Total carryover of U. S. Upland cotton has varied considerably since 1938. In the period 1938-41 average annual carryover was 11,711,000 bales. The average yearly carryover declined through the 1947-51 period, where it reached a low of 3,897,000 bales. Since that time, total carryover has increased to an average of 12,284,000 bales per year in the 1962-66 period.

In the 1938-41 period, 61% of the average total carryover was short staple cotton. During the same period production of short staple cotton (in the U. S.) averaged only 44% of total production. Average carryover of short staple cotton in the 1947-51 period was only 17% of average total carryover. Average production of short staple cotton during this period was 28% of average total production.

The ratio of short staple cotton carryover to total carryover as

compared with the ratio of short staple production to total production has remained about the same beginning with the 1952-56 period (see Table 8). Short staple carryover has averaged from 30 to 32 percent of total carryover and short staple production has averaged from 24 to 26 percent of total production.

### CCC

Data for CCC stocks by staple lengths is not available prior to 1952, and because of the lack of reliable data, the 1952-56 period was omitted from the analysis. In the 1957-61 period, an average of 1,572,000 bales of short staple cotton were in CCC stocks as of August 1, of each year. This represented about 32% of total CCC stocks and 83% of the average carryover of short staple cotton. There was only one year (1959) in this period in which there were net additions of short staple cotton to CCC stocks.

This situation quickly changed in the 1962-66 period where there was an average of 3,012,000 bales of short staple cotton in CCC stocks as of August 1, of each year. Although this represented only about 32% of total CCC stocks, compared to 37% in the previous period, net additions of short staple cotton to CCC stocks averaged 25% of the short staple cotton produced annually. Net additions of short staple cotton to CCC stocks averaged only 7% of short staple production in the previous 5-year period. Also, 83% of the annual average carryover of short staple cotton in 1962-66 went into CCC stocks, compared to only 59% in the last period (see Figures 3 and 4).

Figure 3. Net changes in <math>\leq 1''</math> U.S. Upland cotton in CCC stocks during the year beginning August 1, United States, 1956-67

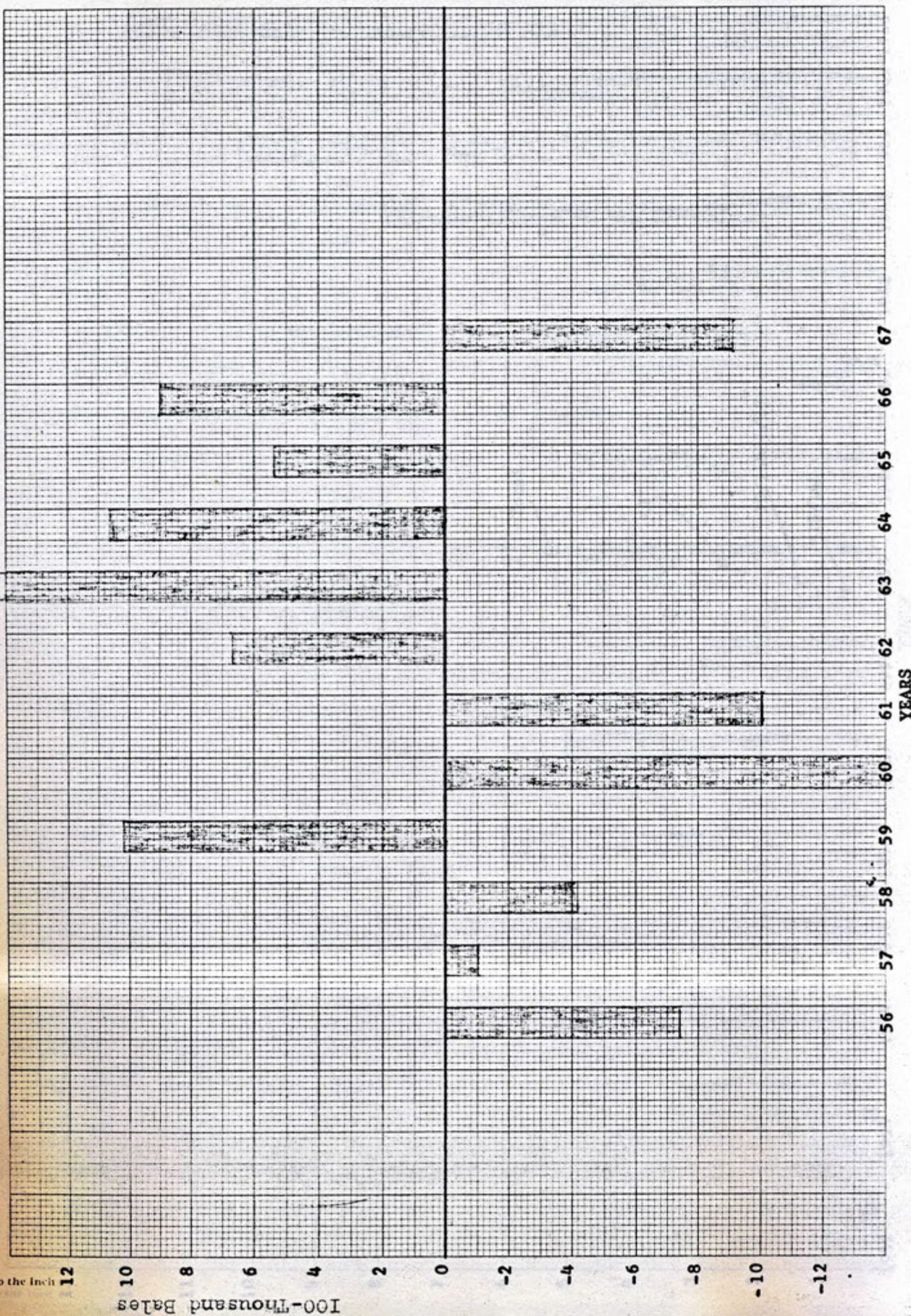
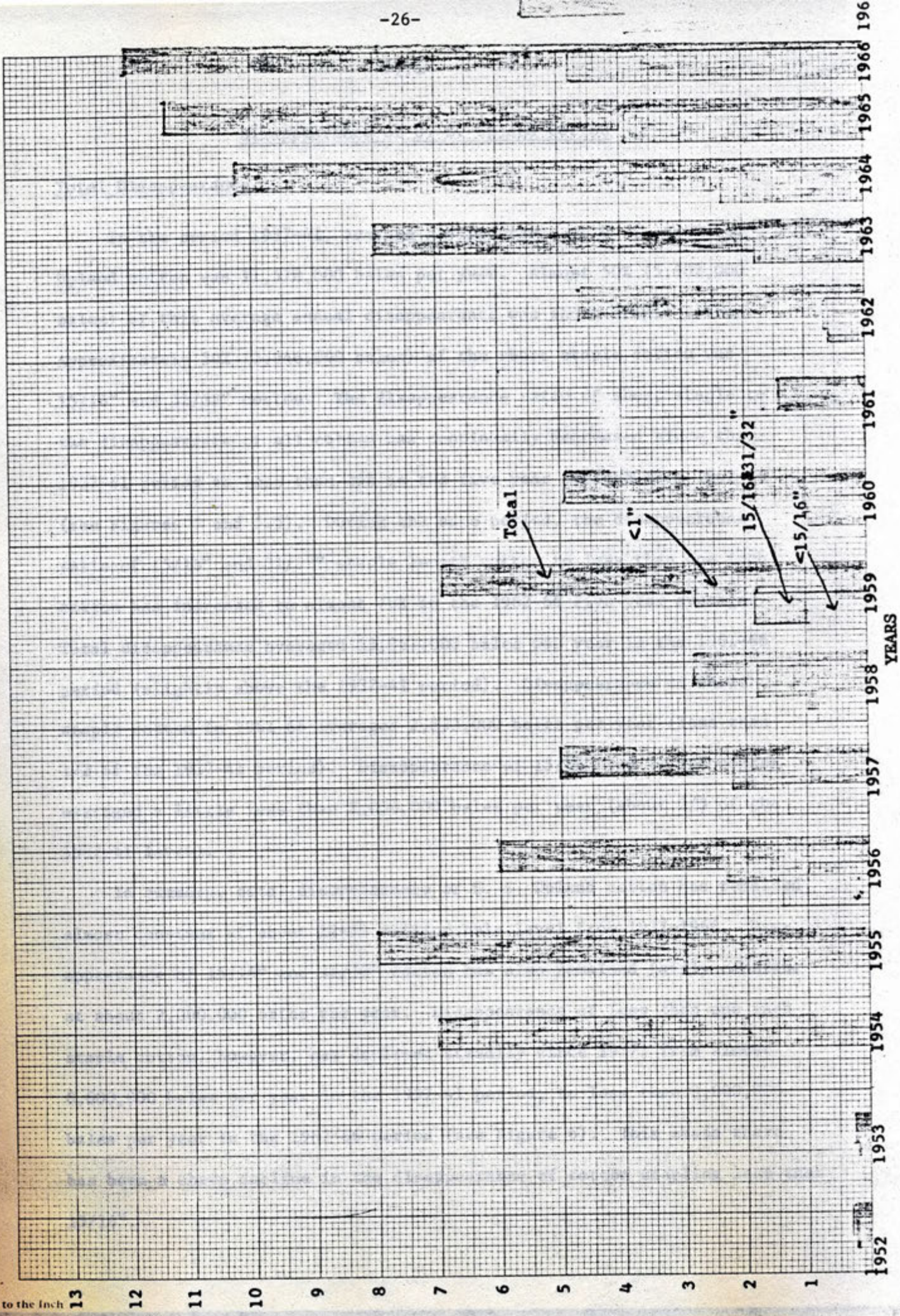


Figure 4. U.S. Upland cotton in CCC stocks, by staple lengths, as of August 1, 1952-67



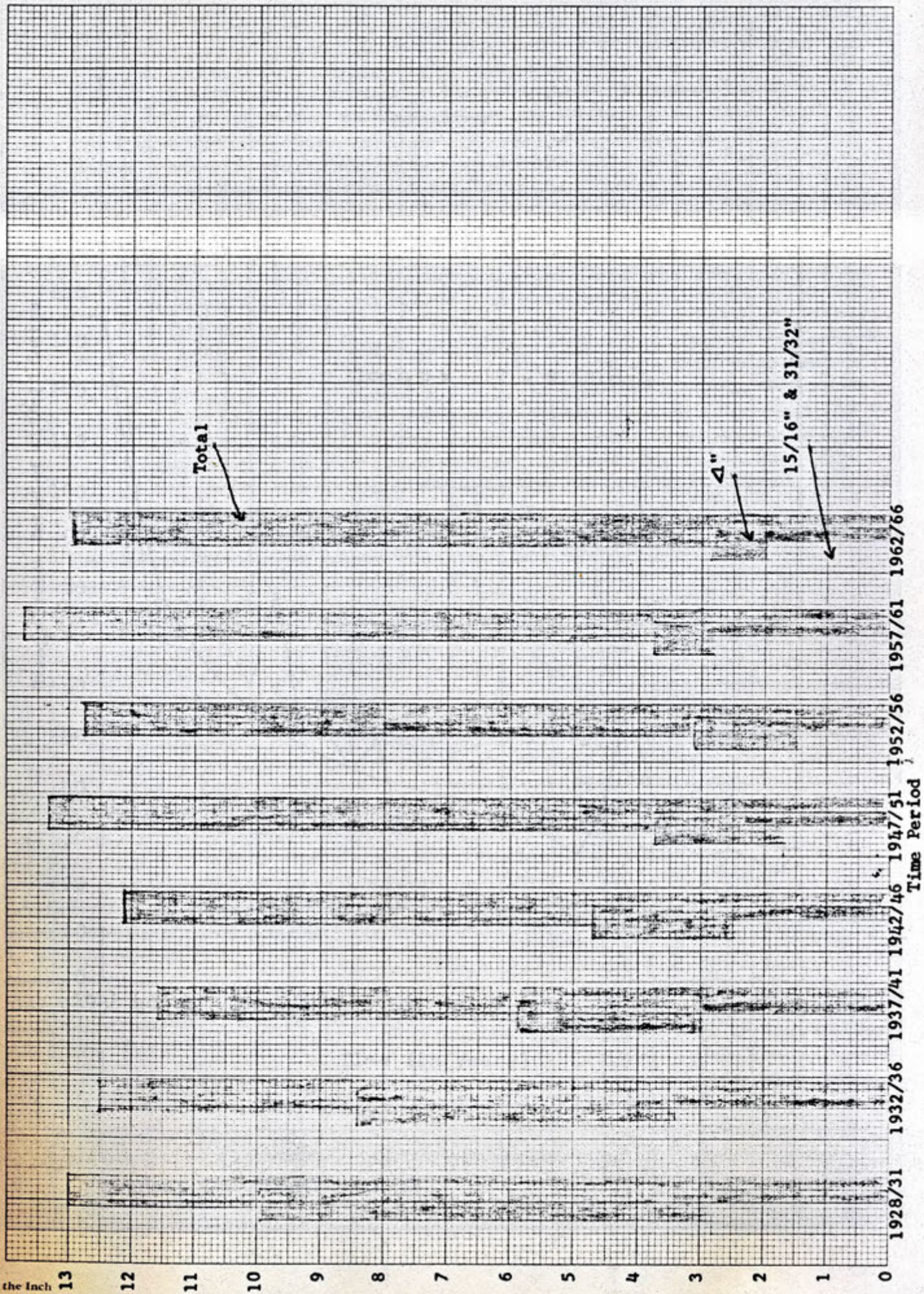
Disappearance of U. S. Upland Cotton

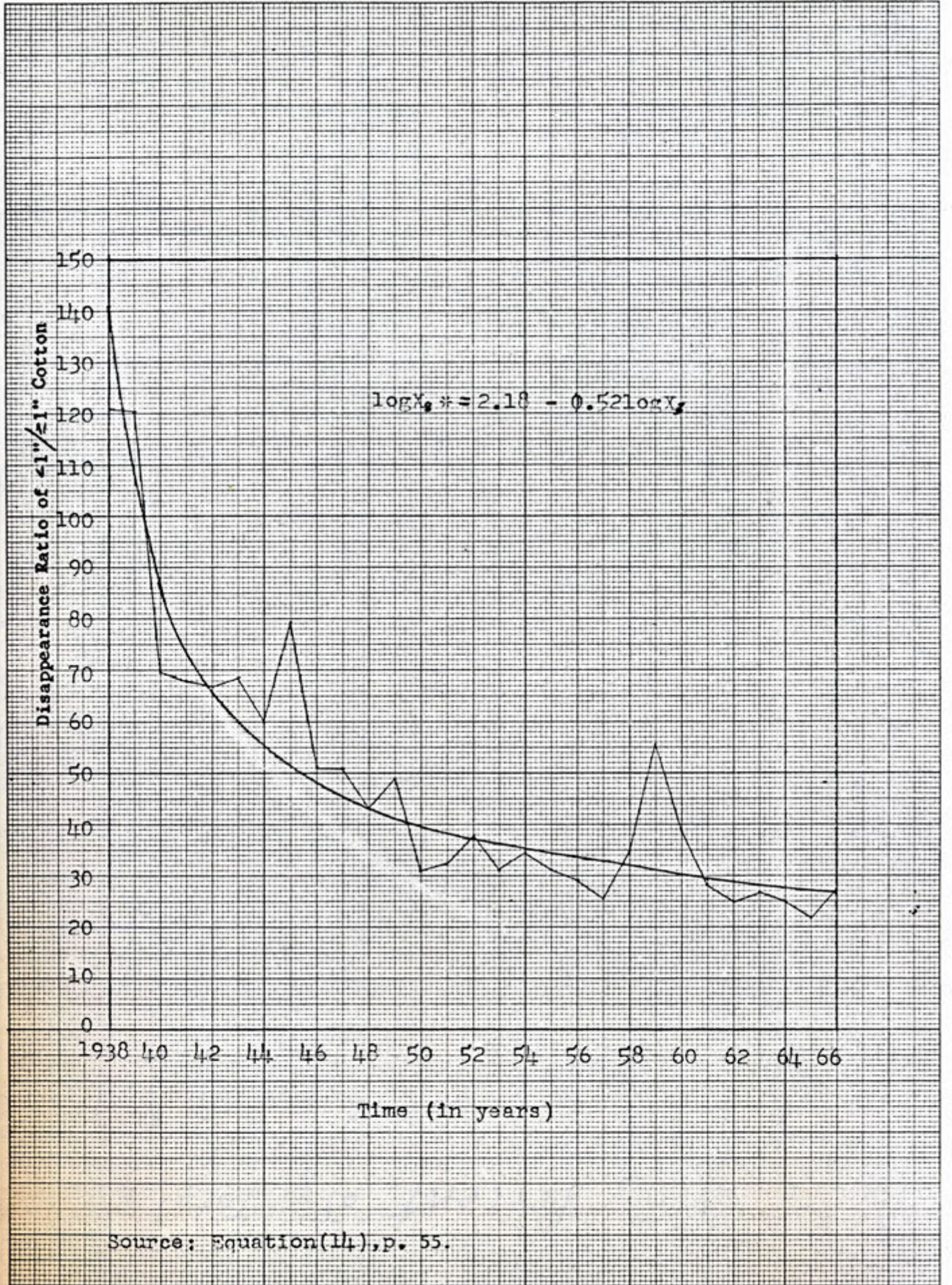
Total Disappearance

In the period 1937-41, average disappearance of U. S. produced Upland cotton was 11,578,000 bales per year. Almost 50% (5,902,000 bales) of this average annual disappearance was short staple cotton. Approximately 50% (2,946,000 bales) of the short staple cotton was 15/16" and 31/32" cotton. The disappearance ratio of short staple to the disappearance of all cotton has continually decreased since the 1937-41 period to less than 25% in the five year average from 1962-66 (see Figures 5 and 5.5). During the same period, the disappearance ratio of 15/16" and 31/32" staple length cotton to less than one inch cotton has increased to almost 70% in the 1962-66 five year average. Total disappearance averaged 12,961,000 bales per year in the 1961-66 period (slightly above the 1937-41 period). Disappearance of short staple cotton in 1961-66 averaged 2,833,000 bales per year (less than 1/2 of the 1937-41 period). Disappearance of 15/16" and 31/32" cotton averaged a little less than 2,000,000 bales per year (about 2/3 of the 1937-41 level).

In summary, total disappearance of U. S. Upland cotton has remained almost constant at about 12-13 million bale level from 1937-1966. Disappearance of 15/16" and 31/32" cotton has also remained fairly constant at about 2,000,000 bales per year. Disappearance of less than one inch staple cotton, however, has declined steadily since 1937, from almost 6,000,000 bales per year in the 1937-41 period, to less than 3,000,000 bales per year in the 1962-66 period (see Figure 6). This means there has been a sharp decline in the disappearance of cotton stapling less than 15/16".

Figure 5. Disappearance of U.S. wool and cotton, by staple lengths, 1928-66 (5-year averages, except 1928-31)

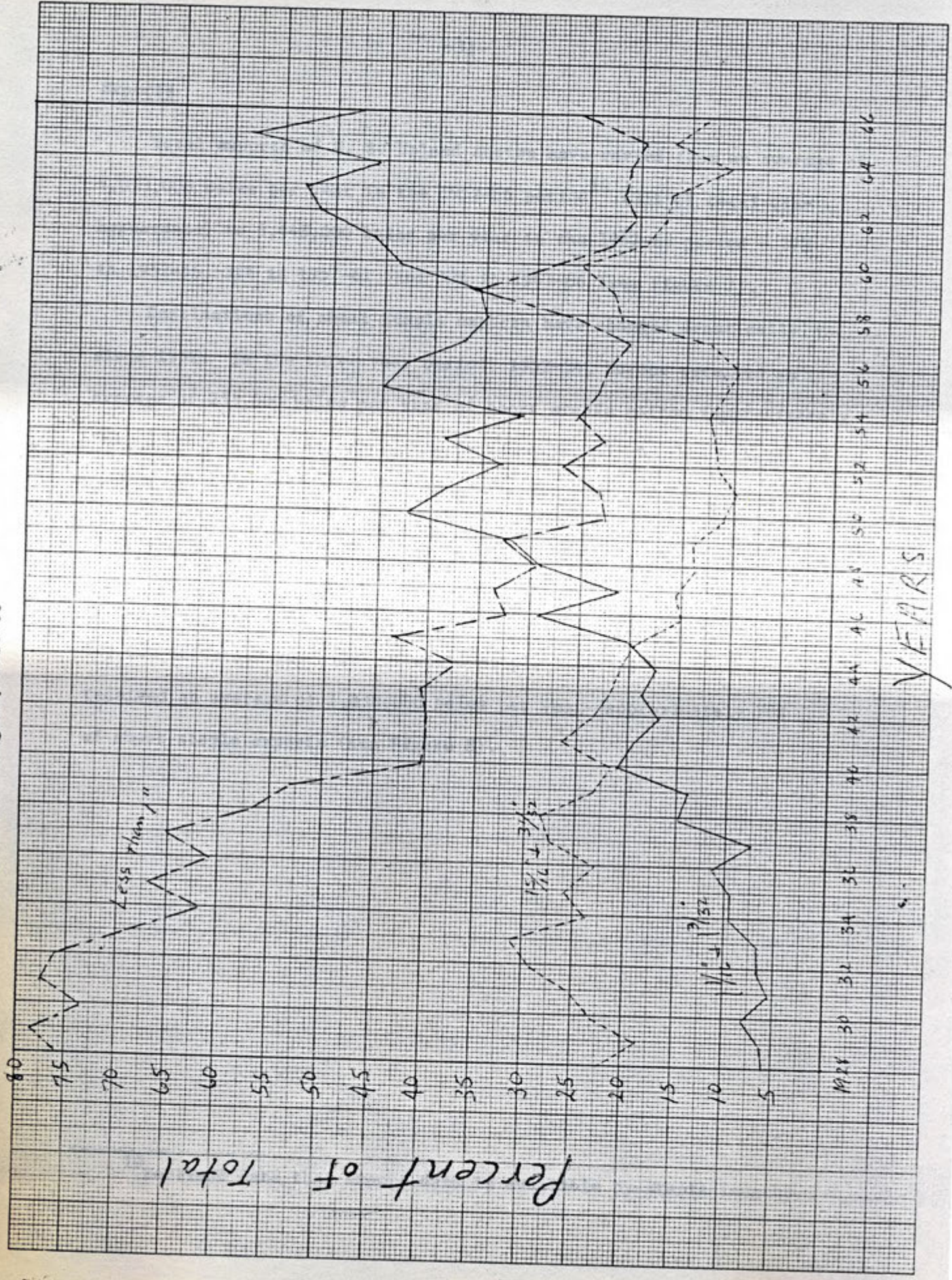




Source: Equation(14), p. 55.



Figure 6. Disappearance of U.S. Upland cotton, by staple lengths, 1928-66



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Exports

Total exports of U. S. Upland cotton have varied from an average of 4,013,000 bales per year in the 1952-56 period<sup>19</sup> (31% of total disappearance) to 5,448,000 bales per year in the 1962-66 period - 27% in 1952-56, 32% in 1957-61, and 32% in 1962-66 (see Figure 7).

Destinations of short staple exports have changed drastically since 1952. In the three year period, 1952-54, Europe received an average of 253,000 bales per year of short staple cotton (approximately 30% of short staple exports). In the same period, Southeast Asia (Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan) received an average of 440,000 bales per year (51% of short staple exports). There has been a continuous shift of short staple exports from Europe to Southeast Asia since that time. In the 1964-66 period, Europe received an average of 131,000 bales per year (19% of short staple exports) and Southeast Asia received an average of 1,038,000 bales per year--approximately 70% of short staple exports (see Figure 8).

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<sup>19</sup> Earliest date that export data is available by staple lengths.

Figure 7. Total disappearance, total exports, and 1<sup>st</sup> exports, U.S. Upland cotton, 1952-66

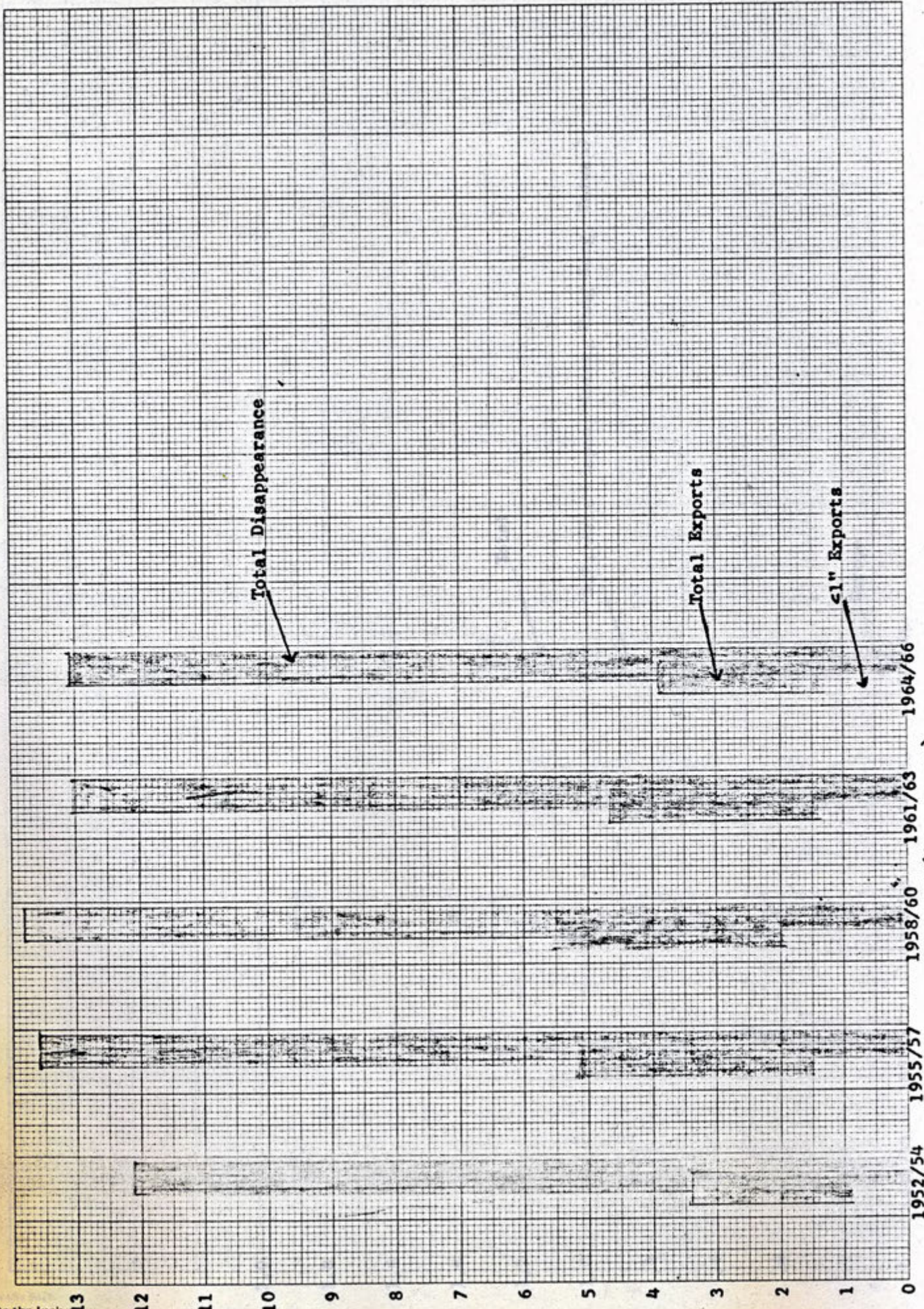
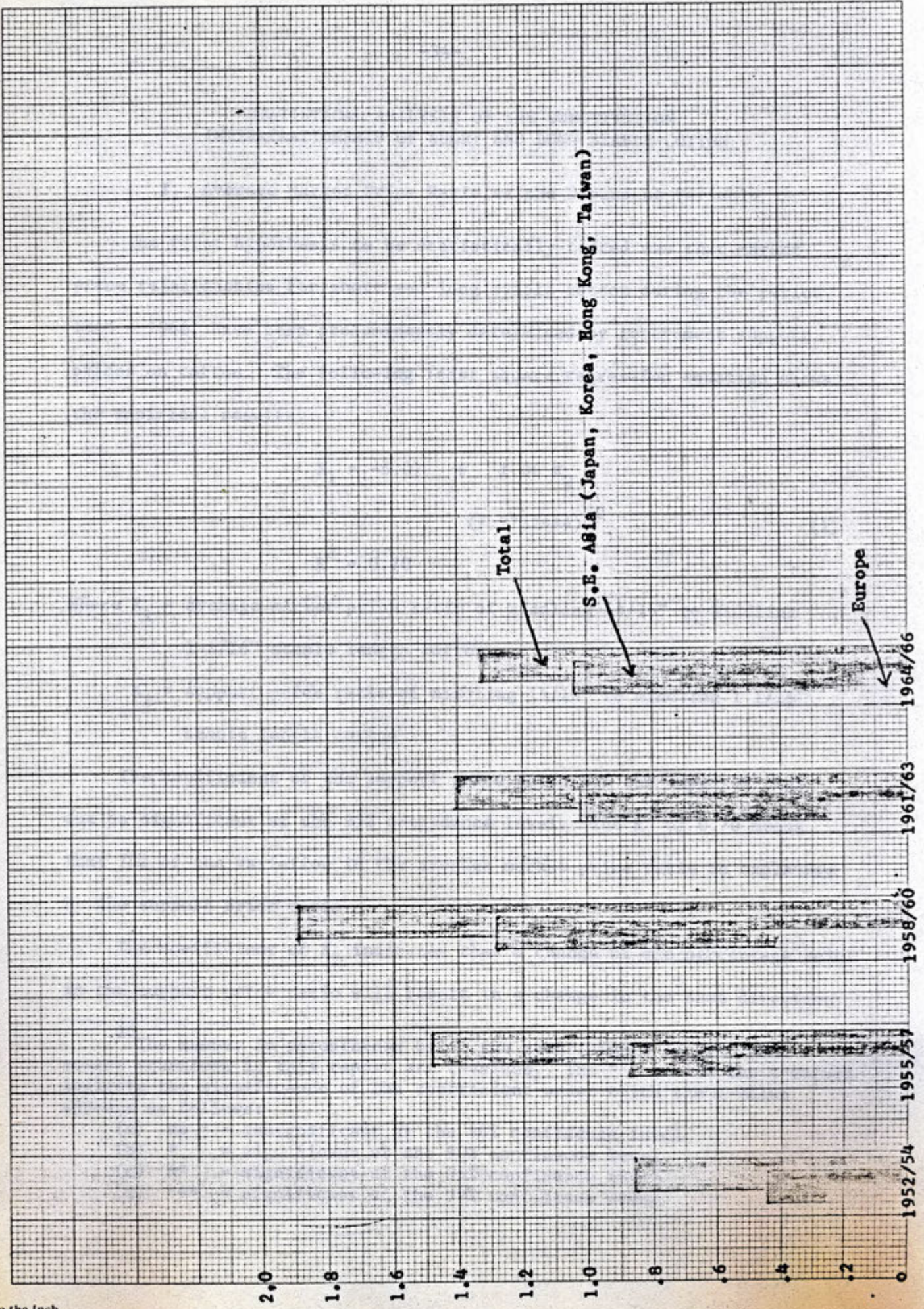


Figure 8. Destinations of 1" exports of U.S. Upland cotton, 1952-66, (3-year averages)



STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSTITUTION  
INTERRELATIONSHIP OF SHORT AND LONG STAPLE COTTON

I. Average Market Price Ratio as the Dependent Variable

The first hypothesis to be statistically tested was that market price relationships for short and long staple cotton during the period 1943 - 1966, have been predominantly determined by government support prices on cotton. The following least square regression equation shows the empirical results.

$$X_1 = -6.07 + 1.06 X_2$$

(7.2732\*\*\*)<sup>20</sup> (1)

$$R^2 = 0.70$$

Where  $X_1$  = average market price ratio of middling 15/16" to middling 1 1/16" staple length cotton

$X_2$  = support price ratio of middling 15/16" to middling 1 1/16" staple length cotton

The coefficient of the support price ratio has the expected sign and is significant at the 95% confidence level. The  $R^2$  of 0.70 means that 70% of the variation in the average market price ratio is explained by the support price ratio.

The coefficient of  $X_2$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the support price ratio will result in a change in the same direction

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<sup>20</sup>The number in parentheses below the coefficients in all least square equations in this report are t-values. The \*'s beside the t-values indicate the significance of the coefficient under which the t-value appears as follows:

- (a) No \* = insignificant at the 90% confidence level
- (b) \* = significant at the 90% confidence level
- (c) \*\* = significant at the 95% confidence level
- (d) \*\*\* = significant at the 99% confidence level

in the average market price ratio of 1.06 percentage points, other relevant factors held constant. This means that the average market price ratio of short and long staple cotton changes in an approximate one to one ratio with the support price ratio short and long staple cotton (see Figure 9).

The "t" test in equation (1) indicates that the coefficient of the support price ratio is significantly different from zero. The hypothesis that the coefficient of the price ratio is equal to one was also tested by the following "t" test.

$$t = \frac{b-B}{S_b} = \frac{1.0629-1.0}{0.14614} = 0.4304$$

where: b = the estimated value of the coefficient of the support price ratio.

B = the hypothesized value of the coefficient of the support price ratio.

S<sub>b</sub> = sample standard deviation of the estimated value of the coefficient of the support price ratio.

On the basis of the above t-tests, the hypothesis that the average market price ratio is dependent on the support price ratio in a 1:1 relationship is not rejected.

The addition of time to equation number one yielded the following least square estimating equation:

$$X_1 = 0.91 + 1.00 X_2 - 0.09 X_3 \quad (2)$$

(5.8616\*\*\*)      (-1.2846)

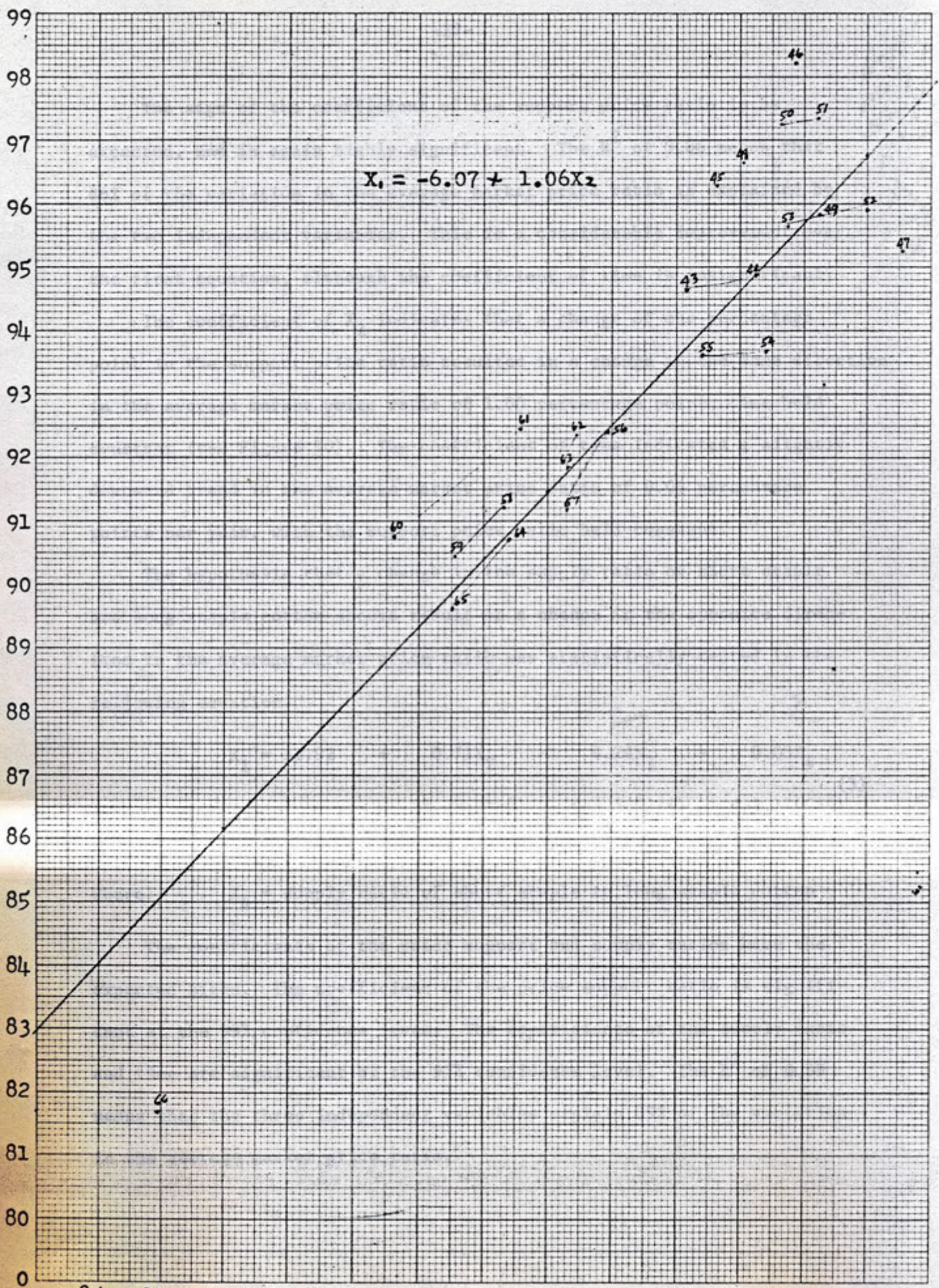
$$R^2 = 0.86$$

where: X<sub>3</sub> = time, in years (1943 = 1)

Figure 9. Average market price ratio as a function of government support price ratio, U.S. Upland cotton, 1943-'66

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Average Market Price Ratio



Support Price Ratio

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The sign of the coefficient of the support price ratio is as expected, and is again highly significant. The R<sup>2</sup> of 0.86 means that 86% of the variation in the average market price ratio is explained by the two independent variables. This is a considerable improvement over the first equation, although the coefficient of time is insignificant.

The coefficient of X<sub>2</sub> indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the support price ratio resulted in a change in the same direction in the average market price ratio of 1.00 percentage point, time held constant (see Figure 10). The coefficient of time indicates a slightly downward trend in the average market price ratio of 0.09 percentage points per year, with the support price ratio held constant.

The hypothesis that a change in the supply ratio of short staple and long staple cotton should result in a change in the opposite direction in the average market price ratio was statistically tested in the following equation.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 X_1 = 31.92 & + & 0.71X_2 & - & 0.24X_3 & - & 0.05X_4 & & \\
 & & (3.4848*** & & (-2.5622**) & & (-2.1742**) & & (3) \\
 R^2 = 0.89 & & & & & & & & \text{(time: 1943 = 1)}
 \end{array}$$

Where: X<sub>4</sub> = supply ratio of short staple to long staple cotton

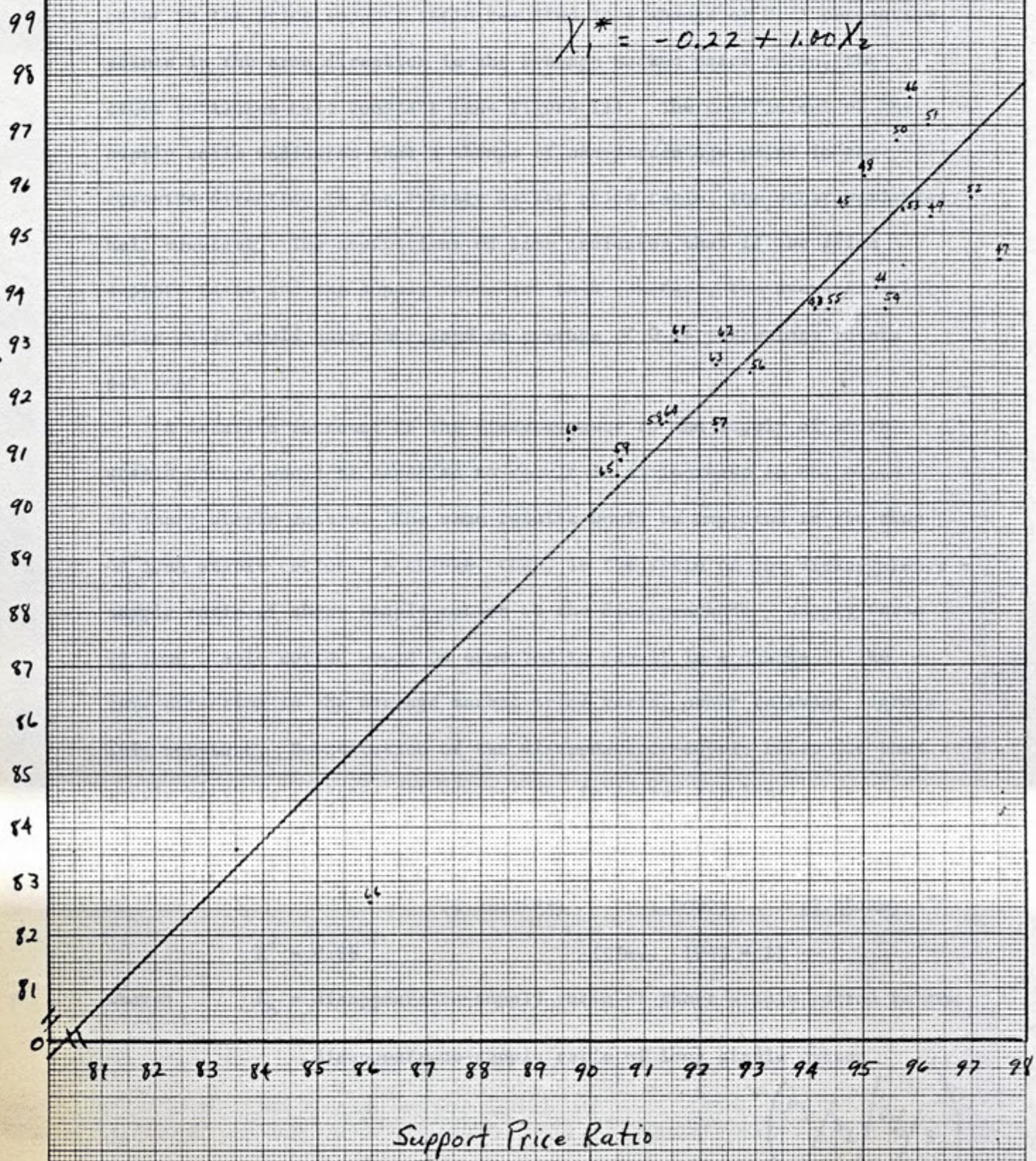
The coefficients of the price support and supply ratios have the expected signs. The coefficient of the price support ratio is significant at the 99% confidence level. The coefficients of the supply ratio and time are significant at the 95% confidence level. The R<sup>2</sup> of 0.89 means that the three independent variables explain 89% of the variation in the average market price ratio.



FIGURE 10. Average market price ratio as a function of government price ratio, time held constant at the mean, U.S. Upland cotton, -38-1043-166

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The coefficient of  $X_2$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the price support ratio resulted in a change of 0.71 percentage points in the same direction in the average market price ratio, the other variables held constant (see Figure 11). The coefficient of the supply ratio indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the opposite direction in the average market price ratio, the other variables held constant. The coefficient of time indicates that if the price support ratio and the supply ratio are held constant, the average market price ratio would have decreased an average of 0.24 percentage points per year.

A relative increase in the disappearance to the supply of short staple cotton would be expected to result in an increase in the price of short staple cotton. The same results would be expected in the case of long staple cotton. A change, then, in the ratio of the disappearance - supply ratio of short staple cotton to the disappearance - supply ratio of long staple cotton would be expected to result in a change in the same direction in the average market price ratio, other relevant factors held constant. Substitution of the disappearance-supply ratio for the supply ratio in equation (3) yielded the following results:

$$X_1 = 2.12 + 1.01X_2 - 0.06X_3 + 0.02X_5$$

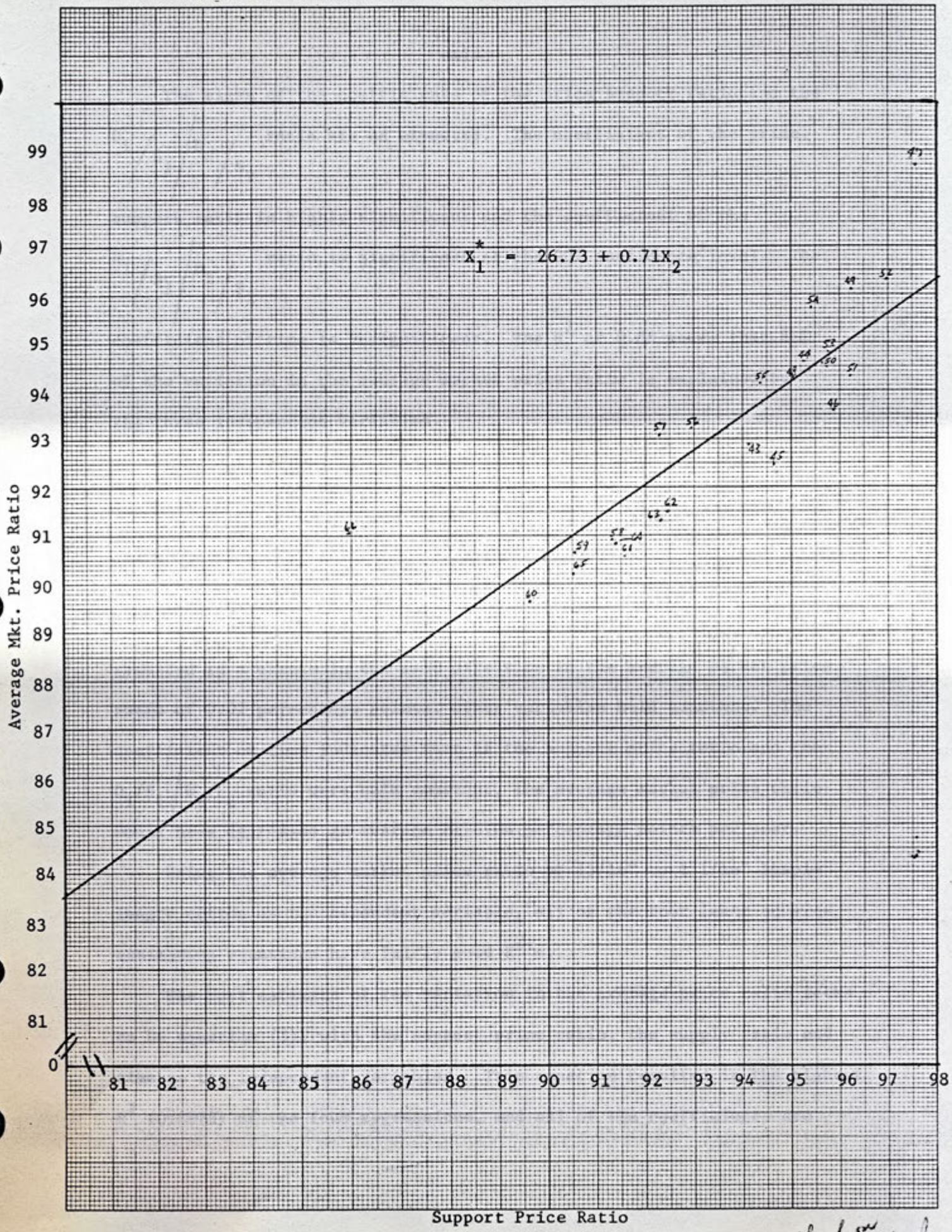
(6.3443\*\*\*)      (-1.0082)      (2.0578\*) (4)

$$R^2 = 0.88 \quad (\text{time: } 1943 = 1)$$

where:  $X_5$  = disappearance-supply ratio of short staple cotton to the disappearance-supply ratio of long staple cotton

$$\left( \frac{D_1}{S_1} / \frac{D_2}{S_2} \right)$$

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The signs of the coefficients of the price support ratio and the  $D_1/S_1/D_2/S_2$  ratio are as expected. The coefficient of the price support ratio is highly significant and the coefficient of the  $D_1/S_1/D_2/S_2$  ratio is significant at the 90% confidence level. The coefficient of time is insignificant. The  $R^2$  of 0.88 means that 88% of the variation in the average market price ratio is explained by the three independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_2$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the price support ratio resulted in a change in the same direction of 1.01 percentage point in the average market price ratio, other variables held constant (see Figure 12). The coefficient of  $X_5$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the  $D_1/S_1/D_2/S_2$  ratio resulted in a change in the same direction in the average market price ratio of 0.02 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of time indicates that if the support price ratio and the  $D_1/S_1/D_2/S_2$  ratio were held constant, the average market price ratio would have decreased an average of 0.06 percentage points per year.

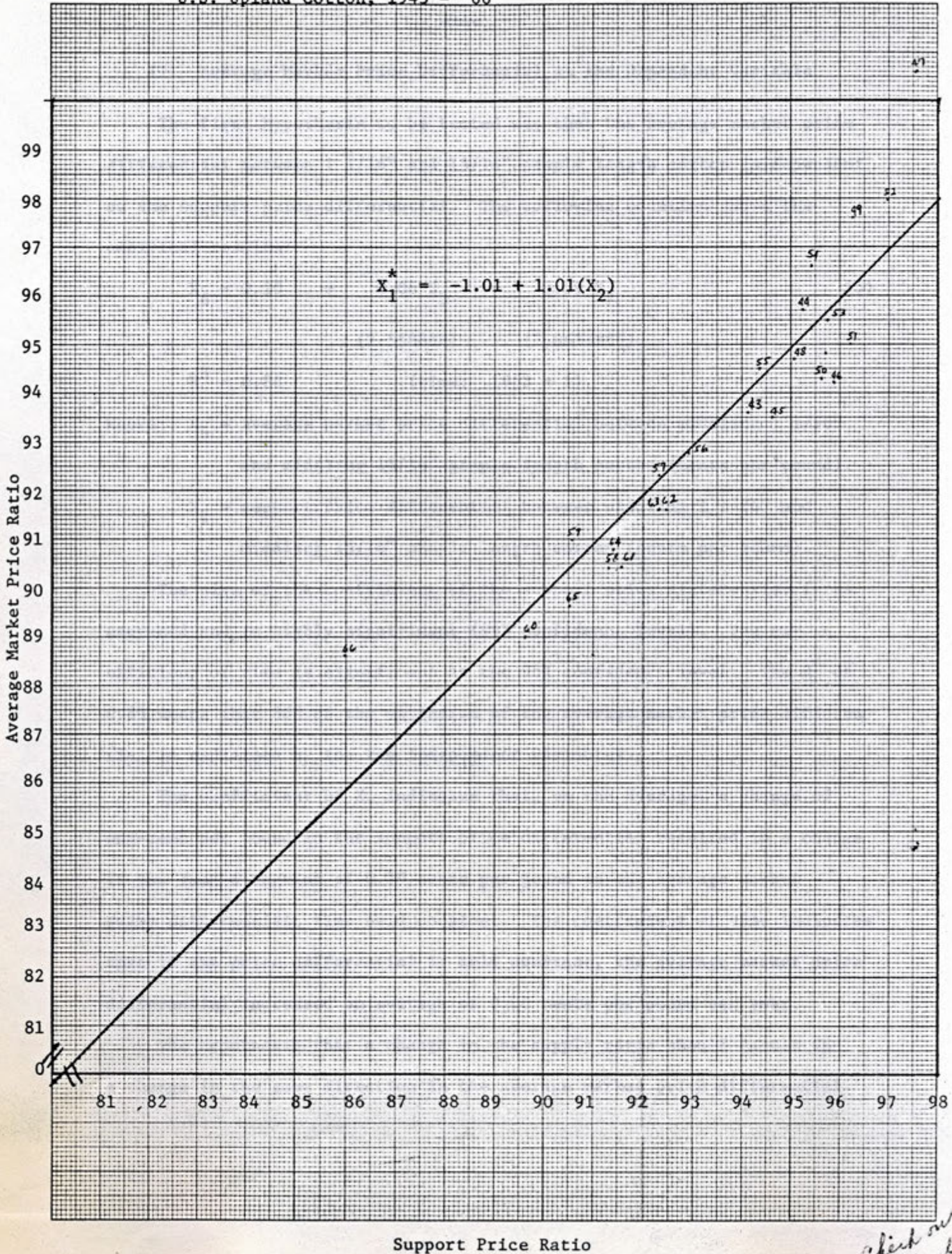
Using the average market price ratio of 15/16" to 1 1/16" staple length cotton as the dependent variable, all of the four least squares estimating equations have fairly good  $R^2$ 's.

The best estimate of the variation in the average price ratio seems to be equation (3), with the support price ratio, the supply ratio and time as the independent variables. This equation resulted in the highest  $R^2$  (0.8875) of the four regressions, and all of the coefficients are

significant at the 95% confidence level. The signs of the support price and supply ratios are as expected.

Equation (4) yielded an  $R^2$  (0.8843) which is almost as good as equation (3). The signs of the support price and the  $D_1/S_1 / D_2/S_2$  ratios are as expected, but the coefficient of the  $D_1/S_1 / D_2/S_2$  ratio is not significant at the 95% confidence level.

Figure 12. Average Market Price Ratio as a function of government support price ratio,  $D_1/S_1/D_2/S_2$  ratio and time held constant at their means, -43- U.S. Upland Cotton, 1943 - '66



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## II. Average Market Price Differential as the Dependent Variable

The first hypothesis to be tested was that the average market price differential between 1 1/16" and 15/16" staple length cotton is dependent on the support price differential. The following equation shows the empirical results:

$$X_6 = 0.20 + 0.06 X_3 + 0.59 X_7 \quad (5)$$

(2.5588\*\*)                      (2.8673\*\*\*)

$$R^2 = 0.86 \quad (\text{time: } 1943 = 1)$$

Where:  $X_6$  = average market price differential between middling 1 1/16" and middling 15/16" staple length cotton (cents per pound).

$X_7$  = support price differential between middling 1 1/16" and middling 15/16" staple length cotton (cents per pound).

The sign of the coefficient of the support price differential is as expected and is highly significant (99% confidence level). The coefficient of time is significant at the 95% confidence level. The  $R^2$  of 0.86 means that 86% of the variation of the average market price differential is explained by the two independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_7$  indicates that, on the average, a change of one-cent per pound in the support price differential resulted in a change in the same direction of 0.59 cents per pound in the average market price differential, time held constant. The coefficient of time indicates that if the price differential is held constant, the average market price differential increased an average of 0.06 cents per pound per year.

The hypothesis that a change in the supply ratio should result in a change in the same direction in the average market price differential

was tested in the following equation:

$$X_6 = -0.48 + 0.10X_3 + 0.01X_4 + 0.42X_7 \quad (6)$$

$(3.7149***)$       $(2.4375**)$       $(2.1051**)$

$$R^2 = 89 \quad (\text{time: } 1943 = 1)$$

The signs of the coefficients of the support price differential and the supply ratio are as expected. The coefficients of all three independent variables are significant at the 95% confidence level. The  $R^2$  of 0.89 means that 89% of the variation in the market price ratio is explained by the three independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_7$  indicates that a change of one-cent in the support price differential resulted in a change in the same direction in the average market price differential of 0.42 cents per pound, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_4$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the supply ratio resulted in a change in the same direction in the average market price differential of 0.01 cents per pound, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the support price differential and the supply ratio were held constant, the market price differential would have increased an average of 0.10 cents per year.

The disappearance - supply ratio of short staple cotton to the disappearance - supply ratio of long staple cotton was substituted for the supply ratio in equation (6). The following equation shows the results:

$$X_6 = 0.78 + 0.05X_3 - 0.006X_5 + 0.65X_7 \quad (7)$$

$(2.1264**)$       $(-1.7176)$       $(3.248***)$

$$R^2 = 0.88 \quad (\text{time: } 1943 = 1)$$



The signs of the coefficients of the support price differential and the  $D_1/S_1 / D_2/S_2$  ratio are as expected. The coefficient of  $X_7$  is highly significant (99% confidence level). The coefficient of  $X_5$  is not significant and the coefficient of  $X_3$  is significant at the 95% confidence level. The  $R^2$  of 0.88 means that 88% of the variation in the average market price differential is explained by the three independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_7$  indicates that a change of one-cent per pound in the support price differential resulted in a change of 0.65 cents per pound in the same direction in the average market price differential, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_5$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the  $D_1/S_1 / D_2/S_2$  ratio resulted in a change of 0.006 cents in the opposite direction in the average market price differential, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the support price differential and the  $D_1/S_1 / D_2/S_2$  ratio were held constant, the average market price differential would have increased an average of 0.05 cents per year.

### III. Disappearance Ratio of Short to Long Staple Cotton As the Dependent Variable

The least squares estimating equations using the disappearance ratio of short staple to long staple cotton, generally were not as satisfactory as the equations with the average market price ratios and the average market price differentials as the dependent variables.

The first hypothesis to be tested was that the disappearance ratio is a function of the average market price ratio of 15/15" to 1 1/16" staple length cotton and time. The following equation shows the empirical results:

$$X_8 = 515.60 - 4.41 X_1 - 3.61 X_3 \quad (8)$$

(-3.8408\*\*\*)      (-8.0556\*\*\*)

$R^2 = 0.74$       (time: 1938 = 1)

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The sign of the coefficient of the average market price ratio is as expected. The coefficients of both of the independent variables are highly significant. The  $R^2$  of 0.74 means that 74% of the variation in the disappearance ratio is explained by the two independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_1$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the average market price ratio resulted in a change in the opposite direction in the disappearance ratio of 4.41 percentage points, with time held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the average market price ratio had been held constant, the disappearance ratio would have decreased an average of 3.61 percentage points per year.

The average market price ratio, lag one year, was added to equation (8) to test the hypothesis that a time lapse is necessary for the disappearance ratio to adjust to changes in the average market price ratio.

The resulting regression equation was:

$$X_8 = 661.90 - 1.18X_1 - 3.41X_3 - 4.85X_9 \quad (9)$$

(-1.0989)      (-8.993\*\*\*)      (-3.3015\*\*\*)

$R^2 = 0.80$       (time: 1939 = 1)

where  $X_9$  = average market price ratio of middling 15/16" to middling 1 1/16" staple length cotton, lagged one year.

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1940-41  
1941-42*

The signs of the coefficients of the average market price ratio and the average market price ratio, lag one year, are as expected. The coefficient of the average market price ratio is not significant, but the coefficient of the average market price ratio, lag one year, is highly

significant. This would tend to verify the hypothesis that the disappearance ratio of short to long staple cotton is dependent on the average market price ratio of the two commodities when time is sufficient for adjustments to be made. The  $R^2$  of 0.80 means that 80% of the variation in the disappearance ratio is explained by the three independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_1$ , indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the average market price ratio would have resulted in a change in the opposite direction in the disappearance ratio of 1.18 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_9$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the average market price ratio, lag one year, resulted in a change in the opposite direction in the disappearance ratio of 4.85 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the average market price ratio and the average market price ratio, lag one year, were held constant, the disappearance ratio would have decreased an average of 3.41 percentage points per year.

A two-year time lag in the average market price ratio was then added to the estimating equation, with the following results.

$$X_8 = 572.90 - 1.52X_1 - 2.91X_3 - 1.12X_9 - 2.58X_{10} \\ \text{(10)} \\ \text{(-1.8972*) (9.3841***) (-0.7697) (-2.1208**)} \\ R^2 = 0.83 \quad \text{(time: 1943 = 1)}$$

Where:  $X_{10}$  = average market price ratio of middling 15/16" to middling 1 1/16" staple length cotton, lag two years.

The sign of the coefficients of the ratios are as expected. The coefficient of the average market price ratio, lag one year, is insignificant. The coefficient of the average market price ratio is only

significant at the 90% confidence level. The coefficient of the average market price ratio, lag two years, is significant at the 95% confidence level, and the coefficient of time is significant at the 99% confidence level. The  $R^2$  of 0.83 means that 83% of the variation in the disappearance ratio is explained by the three independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_1$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the average market price ratio resulted in a change in the opposite direction in the disappearance ratio of 1.52 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_9$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the average market price ratio, lag one year, resulted in a change in the opposite direction in the disappearance ratio of 1.12 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_{10}$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the average market price ratio, lag two years, resulted in a change in the opposite direction in the disappearance ratio of 2.58 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the average market price ratios remained constant, the disappearance ratio would have decreased an average of 2.91 percentage points per year.

The hypothesis that the disappearance ratio of short to long staple cotton will change in the same direction as the average market price differential was tested in the following equation:

$$X_8 = 80.94 - 4.10 X_3 + 14.89 X_6 \quad (11)$$

(-4.4704\*\*\*)      (2.0735\*\*)

$$R^2 = 0.65 \quad (\text{time: } 1938 = 1)$$

The sign of the coefficient of the average market price differential

is as expected. The coefficients of both independent variables are significant. The  $R^2$  of 0.65 means that 65% of the variation in the disappearance ratio is explained by the two independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_6$  indicates that a change of one-cent per pound in the market price differential resulted in a change in the same direction of 14.89 percentage points in the disappearance ratio, time held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the average market price differential is held constant, the disappearance ratio would have decreased an average of 4.1 percentage points per year.

The average market price differential between 1 1/16" and 15/16" staple length cotton, lag one year, was added to the estimating equation. The following equation shows the results:

$$X_8 = 69.31 - 3.95 X_3 + 7.08 X_6 + 10.44 X_{11} \quad (12)$$

(-4.5986\*\*\*)      (1.0825)      (1.4257)

$$R^2 = 0.68 \quad (\text{time: } 1939 = 1)$$

Where:  $X_{11}$  = average market price differential between middling 1 1/16" and middling 15/16" staple length cotton, lag one year (cents per pound).

The signs of the average market price differentials are as expected, however, neither of the coefficients are significant. The coefficient of time is significant at the 99% confidence level. The  $R^2$  of 0.68 means that 68% of the variation in the disappearance ratio is explained by the three independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_6$  indicates that a change of one-cent per pound in the average market price differential resulted in a change in the same direction in the disappearance ratio of 7.08 percentage points, other

variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_{11}$  indicates that a change of one-cent per pound in the average market price differential, lag one year, resulted in a change in the same direction in the disappearance ratio of 10.44 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the average market price differentials were held constant, the disappearance ratio would have decreased an average of 3.95 percentage points per year.

A time lag of two years in the average market price differential was added to the previous equation to test the hypothesis that a two year lapse is required for a significant adjustment in the disappearance ratio as a result of a change in the average market price differential. The following equation shows the results:

$$X_8 = 59.21 - 3.92 X_3 + 8.09 X_6 + 0.42 X_{11} + 11.90 X_{12}$$

(-6.238\*\*\*)      (1.8364\*)      (0.074)      (2.3109\*\*)

(13)

$$R^2 = 0.78 \qquad \qquad \qquad (\text{time: } 1940 = 1)$$

Where:  $X_{12}$  = average market price differential between middling 1 1/16" and middling 15/16" staple length cotton, lag two years (cents per pound).

The signs of the coefficients of the average market price differentials are as expected. The coefficient of the average market price differential is significant at the 90% level of confidence. The coefficient of the average market price differential, lag one year, is not significant. The coefficient of the average market price differential, lag two years, is significant at the 95% confidence level and the coefficient of time is significant at the 99% confidence level. The  $R^2$  of 0.78 means that 78% of the variation in the disappearance ratio is

explained by the four independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_6$  indicates that a change of one-cent per pound in the average market price differential resulted in a change in the same direction in the disappearance ratio of 8.09 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_{11}$  indicates that a change of one-cent per pound in the average market price differential, lag one year, resulted in a change in the same direction in the disappearance ratio of 0.42 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_{12}$  indicates that a change of one-cent per pound in the average market price differential, lag two years, resulted in a change in the same direction in the disappearance ratio of 11.90 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the average market price differentials were held constant, the disappearance ratio would have decreased an average of 3.92 percentage points per year.

There were only two regression equations in which 80% or more of the variation in the disappearance ratio of short staple to long staple cotton was explained by the independent variables. These were equations (9) and (10) where the  $R^2$ 's were .80 and .83, respectively. A time lag in the average market price ratio of short staple to long staple cotton was used in both of these equations. This would tend to substantiate the hypothesis that a time lapse is necessary for a change in the average market price ratio to have a substantial effect on the disappearance ratio.

The equations with the lowest  $R^2$ 's are those with the average market price differentials as independent variables. This would tend to indicate that variation in the disappearance ratio of short to long staple cotton can be more adequately estimated by using percentages rather than

absolute values.

Elasticity of Substitution

The elasticity of substitution (Es), which has been defined as the percentage change in the quantity (disappearance) ratio of two factors of production associated with a change of one percent in the price ratios of the two factors, other variables held constant, was computed for short and long staple cotton. The elasticity of substitution was computed from two different regression equations used in this report. From equation (8), the result was:

$$\begin{aligned}
E_s &= \frac{1}{b_1} \cdot \frac{\bar{X}_1}{\bar{X}_8} \\
&= \frac{1}{-4.41} \cdot \frac{93.69}{47.99} \\
&= -0.2268 (1.9523) \\
E_s &= -0.4428
\end{aligned}$$

no!

$$E_s = \frac{dQ_R}{dP_R} \cdot \frac{P_R}{Q_R}$$

This indicates that a change of one percent in the price ratio of short to long staple cotton will result in a change in the opposite direction of 0.44 percent in the disappearance ratio of short to long staple cotton, other factors held constant.

From equation (9), the result was:

$$\begin{aligned}
E_s &= \frac{1}{b_9} \cdot \frac{\bar{X}_9}{\bar{X}_8} \\
&= \frac{1}{-4.85} \cdot \frac{94.12}{45.02} \\
&= -0.2062 (2.0906) \\
E_s &= -0.4311
\end{aligned}$$



The elasticities of substitution of short staple for long staple cotton, computed from equations (8) (using average market price ratio) and (9) (using average market price ratio, lagged one year) are almost identical. According to these estimates, the substitution interrelationships between short and long staple cotton is highly inelastic. This means that a decrease in the price of short staple relative to the price of long staple cotton will result in a relatively smaller increase in the amount of short staple cotton consumed relative to the amount of long staple consumed.

#### IV. Logarithmic Regression Equations

The underlying assumption in the preceding regression equations is that the disappearance ratios of short staple to long staple cotton are related to the average market price ratios (present year and one year lag) and the average market price differentials (present year and one year lag) of the two commodities in absolute terms. These relationships might be more adequately explained in constant percentage terms, where the coefficient of the average market price ratio would be the elasticity of substitution between short and long staple cotton. This type of relationship can be expressed easily by using logarithmic regression equations instead of arithmetic equations, which is done in the next four regression equations.

Equation (14) was used to test the relationship between the same variables used in equation (8). The hypothesis being tested was that a change in the average market price ratio of short to long staple cotton will result in a change in the opposite direction in the disappearance ratio of the two commodities. The empirical results were:

*part time  
in state  
units*

$$\log X_8 = 5.67 - 1.77 \log X_1 - 0.52 \log X_3 \quad (14)$$

(-1.5324)                      (-10.0878\*\*\*)

$$R^2 = 0.82 \quad (\text{time: } 1938 = 1)$$

The sign of the coefficient of the average market price ratio is as expected. The coefficient of the average market price ratio, however, is insignificant. The coefficient of time is highly significant. The  $R^2$  of 0.82 means that 82% of the variation in the disappearance ratio is explained by the two independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_1$  indicates that a change of one-percent in the average market price ratio resulted in a change in the opposite direction in the disappearance ratio of 1.77 percent, time held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the average market price ratio had been held constant, the disappearance ratio would have decreased an average of 0.52 percent per year.

The average market price ratio, lag one year was added to equation (14) to test the significance of the effects of a time lag in the average market price ratio on the disappearance ratio. The variables used in equation (15) are the same as those used in equation (9). The results were:

$$\log X_8 = 6.14 - 1.35 \log X_1 - 0.46 \log X_3 - 0.70 \log X_9 \quad (15)$$

(-0.682)                      (-7.9667\*\*\*)                      (-0.264)

$$R^2 = 0.77 \quad (\text{time: } 1939 = 1)$$

The signs of the coefficients of the average market price ratios are as expected. The coefficients of both of these variables, however, are insignificant. The coefficient of time is highly significant. The

$R^2$  of 0.77 means that 77% of the variation in the disappearance ratio is explained by the three independent variables. The decrease in the  $R^2$  in equation (15) can be attributed to the fact that when a variable with a one year time lag is added to an equation, the first year of the original analysis must be dropped. This has the effect of fitting the regression to a different set of data.

The coefficient of  $X_1$  indicates that a change of one-percent in the average market price ratio resulted in a change in the opposite in the disappearance ratio of 1.35 percent, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_2$  indicates that a change of one-percent in the average market price ratio, lag one year, resulted in a change in the opposite direction in the disappearance ratio of 0.7 percent, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the other variables were held constant, the disappearance ratio would have decreased an average of 0.46 percent per year.

The average market price differential between 1 1/16" and 15/16" staple length cotton was substituted for the average market price ratio of 15/16" to 1 1/16" staple length cotton. The variables used in the following logarithmic equation are the same as those used in equation (11). The results were:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Log } X_8 &= 2.24 - 0.61 \log X_3 + 0.18 \log X_6 \\ &\quad (-6.1012^{***}) \quad (1.4418) \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$
$$R^2 = 0.82 \quad (\text{time: } 1938 = 1)$$

The coefficient of the average market price differential has the expected sign, but is not significant. The coefficient of time is significant at the 99% confidence level. The  $R^2$  of 0.82 means that 82%

of the variation in the disappearance ratio is explained by the two independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_6$  indicates that a change of one-percent in the average market price differential resulted in a change in the same direction in the disappearance ratio of 0.18 percent, time held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the average market price differential had been held constant, the disappearance ratio would have decreased an average of 0.61 percent per year.

In the following equation, the average market price differential, lag one year, was added to equation (16) to test the effects of a time lapse in the average market price differential on the disappearance ratio. The variables used in the following logarithmic equation are the same as those used in equation (12). The results were:

$$\log X_8 = 2.21 - 0.62 \log X_3 + 0.19 \log X_6 + 0.12 \log X_{11} \quad (17)$$

(-5.04\*\*\*)                      (1.1651)                      (0.7906)

$R^2 = 0.78$     (time: 1939 = 1)

Both coefficients of the average market price differentials have the expected signs, however, neither are significant. The coefficient of time is again highly significant. The  $R^2$  of 0.78 means that 78% of the variation in the disappearance ratio is explained by the three independent variables. The lower  $R^2$ , after the addition of another independent variable to the regression equation is probably due to the same reason as was explained in equation (15).

The coefficient of  $X_6$  indicates that a change of one-percent in the average market price differential resulted in a change in the same direction in the disappearance ratio of 0.19 percent, other variables

held constant. The coefficient of  $X_{11}$  indicates that if the average market price differential, lag one year, changed one percent, the disappearance ratio changed in the same direction by 0.12 percent, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  were held constant, the disappearance ratio would have decreased an average of 0.62 percent per year.

#### Elasticities of Substitution

It was pointed out earlier that the coefficient of the price ratios of two commodities in a logarithmic regression equation, with the disappearance ratio of the two commodities as the dependent variables, is the elasticity of substitution between the two commodities. According to the results of equation (14), the elasticity of substitution between short staple and long staple cotton is -1.77. This indicates that a change of one percent in the average market price ratio will result in a change in the opposite direction in the disappearance ratio of short to long staple cotton of 1.77 percent, other factors constant.

The results of equation (15) show the elasticity of substitution between short staple and long staple cotton to be -0.70, using the coefficient of the average market price ratio, lag one year, or -1.35, using the average market price ratio with no time lag.

The elasticities of substitution, from the logarithmic equations, are far more elastic than those computed from the arithmetic equations (-0.43 and -0.44). Since time was highly significant and the average market price ratios were not significant in either logarithmic equation, the coefficients of these variables probably have little meaning. The market price ratios in the arithmetic equations, though, were highly

significant. Taking all these factors into consideration, the elasticity of substitution between short and long staple cotton, as computed from the arithmetic equations, is probably more realistic, although possibly a little low.

V. Production Ratio as the Dependent Variable *out*

Equation (18) tests the hypothesis that the production ratio of short to long staple cotton is dependent on the average market price ratio, lag one year.

$$\begin{aligned} X_{13} = 425.92 & \quad - \quad 2.28 X_3 \quad - \quad 3.71 X_9 \\ & \quad \quad \quad (-5.5949***) \quad (-2.6969**) \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$
$$R^2 = 0.60 \qquad (1939 = 1)$$

The sign of the coefficient of the average market price ratio, lag one year, is not as expected. The expected result of a change in the average market price ratio is a change in the production ratio in the same direction. The coefficient of the average market price ratio, lag one year, is significant at the 95% confidence level. The coefficient of time is significant at the 99% confidence level. The  $R^2$  of 0.60 means that 60% of the variation in the production ratio is explained by the two independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_9$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the average market price ratio, lag one year, resulted in a change of 3.72 percentage points in the production ratio, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  means that if the average market price ratio, lag one year, had been held constant the production ratio would have decreased an average of 2.28 percentage points per year.

The addition of the average market price ratio, lag two years, was added to equation (18) with the following result:

$$\begin{aligned} X_{13} = 305.89 & - 1.66 X_3 - 0.41 X_9 - 2.15 X_{10} \\ & (-4.3781^{***}) \quad (-0.2499) \quad (-1.3917) \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$
$$R^2 = 0.55$$

The signs of the coefficients of the average market price ratios, lag one year ( $X_9$ ) and lag two years ( $X_{10}$ ) are not as expected. Neither of the coefficients are significant. The coefficient of time is highly significant. The  $R^2$  of 0.55 means that only 55 percent of the variation in the production ratio is explained by the three independent variables.

The coefficient of  $X_9$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the average market price ratio, lag one year, resulted in a change in the opposite direction in the production ratio of 0.41 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_{10}$  indicates that a change of one-percentage point in the average market price ratio, lag two years, resulted in a change in the opposite direction in the production ratio of 2.15 percentage points, other variables held constant. The coefficient of  $X_3$  indicates that if the average market price ratios were held constant, the production ratio would have decreased an average of 1.66 percentage points per year.

The unexpected results of the regression equations used to test the hypothesis that the production ratio of short to long staple cotton is positively dependent on the average market price ratio, lagged in time, can probably be attributed to acreage controls by government programs and the concentration of certain varieties of cotton in different cotton producing areas. For example, producers on the High Plains of Texas

are somewhat limited in their choice of cotton varieties due to the relatively short growing season. Producers in areas where the longer stapled varieties are grown are reluctant to shift to other varieties because of the uncertainty of future price relationships between different staple lengths of cotton and the extra expenses involved in changing from the production of one commodity to that of another.



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Production of U. S. Upland cotton in the United States and Texas has remained fairly constant since the 1930's. There has been a gradual increase in production on the High Plains of Texas. The production of short staple cotton has decreased in the United States, remained about the same in Texas, and has increased in absolute amounts produced, on the High Plains. There has been a definite decrease in the production of cotton stapling less than 15/16", in absolute quantities and relative to all short staple cotton produced, in the United States, Texas, and the High Plains.

Carryover of short staple cotton from one year to another has varied considerably since the 1930's. Average carryover of short staple cotton, relative to carryover of all cotton, has been less than average production of short staple relative to all cotton produced in only one period of the analysis (1947-51).

The amount of short staple cotton in CCC stocks has also varied considerably, following a trend of buildup and decline. However, since 1961, at which time there was virtually no short staple cotton in CCC stocks, there has been a continuous buildup of short staple cotton in CCC stocks.

Disappearance of U. S. Upland cotton in the United States has followed the same general pattern as production, with respect to total amount consumed and consumption of different staple lengths. Exports have accounted for an average of 34% of annual disappearance of all cotton since 1952. Short staple cotton exports, relative to total disappearance of short staple cotton, have increased from an annual average

of 35% in 1952-56 to 47% in 1962-66.

There has been a marked change in the destination of exports of short staple cotton since 1952. Europe received an average of 30% and Southeast Asia received 51% of the short staple exports in 1952-54. In 1964-66, Europe received only 10%, while Southeast Asia received approximately 70% of the short staple exports.

The results of the regression analysis indicates that relative prices of short and long staple cotton are primarily determined by government support prices on short and long staple cotton, but that the supply of short staple relative to the supply of long staple cotton is also a significant factor in determining their relative prices. Time is also an important factor because by holding the support price and supply relationships constant, the results of the regression analysis show that the price of short staple relative to the price of long staple cotton has decreased over time.

Results of the regression analysis also indicate that the disappearance ratio of short to long staple cotton is significantly influenced by their price relationships. This supports the hypothesis that the consumption of short staple cotton can be influenced by a change in its price relationship with long staple cotton. Time is, again, an important factor. Results of the regression analysis indicate that, with the relative price ratios of short to long staple cotton held constant, the disappearance of short staple, relative to long staple cotton, will decrease over time.

As a result of these tests, there can be little doubt that the demand for short staple cotton relative to the demand for long staple cotton has decreased during the period of this analysis. Changes in technology

and social standards of living and working seem to be the primary causes of this downward shift in the demand for short staple relative to long staple cotton.

Tests of the substitution interrelationship between short and long staple cotton indicate, however, that within a given range of possible physical substitution, short staple cotton can be an economically satisfactory substitute for long staple cotton if the price differential between the two is great enough. The main problem here is that as the consumer demand for higher quality end products keeps increasing, the range of possible physical substitution of short staple for long staple cotton keeps decreasing. Textile industry specialists have indicated, however, that higher qualities and more uniform short staple cotton would help in preventing further losses in the market for short staple cotton.

Mr. Robert M. Vance, president of Clinton Mills, Clinton, South Carolina, expressed what seems to be the general consensus of those in the textile industry, concerning the demand for cotton in the United States, in the following excerpt from a recent talk to the South Atlantic Cotton Shippers:

"... So we need fiber that will produce strong, even yarn and won't cause repeated downtime on our machinery by breaking under stress. In 1 1/16" and longer of course, we are able to draft at higher speeds and thus improve our production costs.

So the medium and longer staple lengths have been in great demand. But whether we buy 29/32" or 1 3/32" or 1 9/16" cotton, we are increasingly demanding that it be strong, quality fiber, and that it be uniform in length."<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>21</sup>Robert M. Vance, Remarks before South Atlantic Cotton Shippers, Savannah, Georgia, March 29, 1968, The Cotton Digest International, April 27, 1968, p. 47.

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APPENDIX

SOURCES OF DATA

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TABLE I

Production of U. S. Upland Cotton by staple lengths, United States 1937-66 (1,000 running bales)

Year (beg Aug. 1)	Total	< 1"	< 1" % of Total	15/16" & 31/32	15/16" & 31/32" AS % OF < 1"	< 15/16"	< 15/16" as % of < 1"
1937	18,237	12,108	66	5038	42	7070	58
1938	11,598	5,640	49	3124	55	2516	45
1939	11,452	5,804	51	2780	48	3024	52
1940	12,261	4,924	40	2999	61	1925	39
1941	10,434	3,930	38	2265	58	1665	42
1942	12,363	4,785	39	2586	54	2199	46
1943	11,069	4,708	43	2593	55	2115	45
1944	11,831	4,068	44	2188	54	1880	46
1945	8,809	2,608	30	1697	65	911	35
1946	8,515	1,896	22	1108	58	788	42
1947	11,556	3,850	33	1774	46	2076	54
1948	14,577	3,462	24	1663	48	1799	52
1949	15,905	5,484	34	2376	43	3108	57
1950	9,846	2,342	24	1092	47	1250	53
1951	15,026	3,993	27	1625	41	2368	59
1952	14,858	4,102	28	1714	42	2388	58
1953	16,253	3,951	24	2172	55	1779	45
1954	13,577	3,938	29	1918	49	2020	51
1955	14,501	3,616	25	1561	43	2055	57
1956	13,102	2,791	21	1580	57	1211	43
1957	10,801	2,759	26	1866	68	893	32
1958	11,354	2,984	26	2466	83	518	17
1959	14,446	3,447	24	2596	75	851	25
1960	14,199	3,373	24	3031	90	342	10
1961	14,263	3,854	27	3261	85	593	15
1962	14,754	3,842	26	3061	80	781	20
1963	15,129	3,872	26	2436	63	1436	37
1964	15,032	3,439	23	2194	64	1245	36
1965	14,831	3,995	27	2944	74	1051	26
1966	9,491	2,556	27	1814	71		29

Sources of Data: 1937-58: (2), p.101  
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TABLE II

Production of U. S. Upland Cotton by staple lengths,  
Texas, 1940-66 (1,000 running bales)

Year (beg. Aug. 1)	Total	<1" a % of Total	15/16" & 31/32"	15/16" & 31/32" as a % of <1"	15/16" a % of <1"	
1940	3108	2380	1256	53	1124	47
1941	2549	2073	995	48	1078	52
1942	2906	2374	882	37	1492	63
1943	2687	2117	665	31	1452	69
1944	2557	2110	694	33	1415	67
1945	1749	1260	684	54	576	46
1946	1634	1115	537	48	578	52
1947	3313	2566	886	35	1680	65
1948	3060	2264	817	36	1447	64
1949	5858	4560	1817	40	2742	60
1950	2858	1939	834	43	1105	57
1951	4032	3064	1079	35	1985	65
1952	3702	2928	849	29	2079	71
1953	4231	3175	1647	52	1529	48
1954	3849	2818	1104	39	1714	61
1955	3942	2888	1187	41	1702	59
1956	3537	2223	1206	54	1017	46
1957	3573	2231	1447	65	784	35
1958	4210	2630	2174	83	456	17
1959	4373	2875	2115	74	760	26
1960	4318	2937	2620	89	317	11
1961	4774	3402	2840	83	562	17
1962	4694	3442	2707	79	734	21
1963	4350	3435	2124	62	1311	38
1964	4033	3055	1927	63	1127	37
1965	4599	3541	2555	72	985	28
1966	3125	2329	1617	69	711	31

Sources of Data: 1940-59: (6) 1941-60  
1960-66: (5) 1961-67, Vols. 34-40, No. 10 and 7



TABLE III

Production of U. S. Upland Cotton by Staple Lengths  
 High Plains of Texas (Crop Reporting Districts 1-S & 1-M), 1940-66 (1000 running bales)

Year (Beg. Aug. 1)	Total	< 1" of Total	15/16" & 31/32" as % of < 1"	15/16" & 31/32" as % of < 1"	< 15/16"	15/16" as a % of < 1"	
1940	440	422	96	89	21	332	79
1941	563	546	97	68	12	478	88
1942	625	615	98	67	11	547	89
1943	515	513	99.7	13	3	500	97
1944	572	562	98	41	7	522	93
1945	119	118	99	10	8	108	92
1946	230	219	95	30	14	190	86
1947	1,022	1,012	99	59	6	953	94
1948	663	649	98	65	10	584	90
1949	1,761	1,738	99	195	11	1,542	89
1950	796	789	99	98	12	691	88
1951	1,271	1,233	97	333	27	901	73
1952	1,436	1,423	99	163	11	1,260	89
1953	1,370	1,312	96	473	36	838	64
1954	1,581	1,428	90	546	38	882	62
1955	1,392	1,313	94	404	31	909	69
1956	1,655	1,173	71	832	71	340	29
1957	1,577	1,174	75	774	66	400	34
1958	1,998	1,451	73	1,285	89	166	11
1959	1,897	1,509	80	1,076	71	433	29
1960	1,955	1,589	81	1,445	91	144	9
1961	2,380	2,181	92	1,732	79	449	21
1962	2,321	2,211	95	1,733	78	478	22
1963	2,112	2,053	97	1,389	68	664	32
1964	1,901	1,793	94	1,413	79	380	21
1965	2,239	2,118	95	1,591	75	527	25
1966	1,333	1,168	88	925	79	243	21

Sources of Data: 1940-59: (6) 1941-60  
 1960-66: (5) 1961-67

TABLE IV

Production of U.S. Upland Cotton, 5-Year Averages  
United States, Texas & High Plains, 1942-66

Years (Beg. Aug. 1)	U.S.	Texas	Texas as a % of U.S.	High Plains	High Plains as a % of Texas
1942-46	10,517	2,306	22	412	18
1947-51	13,382	2,824	29	1,103	29
1952-56	14,458	3,852	27	1,487	39
1957-61	13,013	4,250	33	1,960	46
1962-66	13,847	4,160	30	1,981	48

See Tables I-III for sources.

TABLE V

Production of <1" staple length U.S. Upland Cotton, 5-Year Averages  
United States, Texas, & High Plains, 1942-66

Years (Beg. Aug.1)	U.S.	Texas	Texas as a % of U.S.	High Plains	High Plains as a % of Texas
1942-46	3,613	1,795	50	405	23
1947-51	3,826	2,879	75	1,084	38
1952-56	3,680	2,806	76	1,330	47
1957-61	3,283	2,815	86	1,581	56
1962-66	3,541	3,160	89	1,869	59

See Tables I-IV for sources.

TABLE VI  
Annual Carryover of U.S. Upland Cotton, United States  
1937-66 (1,000 running bales)

Year (Beg. Aug. 1)	Total	< 1" < 1" as a % of Total	< 1" Carryover as a % of < 1" Production In Previous Years	< 1" < 1% as a % of Total	< 1" Carryover as a % of < 1" Production In Previous Years
1937	4,382	3,065	69.9	1,317	30.1
1938	11,436	7,882	68.9	3,554	31.1
1939	12,943	7,798	60.2	5,145	39.8
1940	10,453	6,191	59.2	4,262	40.8
1941	12,011	6,812	56.7	5,199	43.3
1942	10,475	5,962	56.9	4,513	43.1
1943	10,530	5,826	55.3	4,704	44.7
1944	10,559	6,060	57.4	4,499	42.6
1945	11,006	5,869	53.3	5,137	46.7
1946	7,165	2,962	41.3	4,203	58.7
1947	2,392	532	22.2	1,860	77.8
1948	2,988	693	23.2	2,295	76.8
1949	5,216	501	9.6	4,715	90.3
1950	6,745	1,270	18.8	5,475	91.2
1951	2,144	310	14.5	1,834	85.5
1952	2,709	909	33.6	1,800	66.4
1953	5,478	1,755	32.0	3,723	68.0
1954	9,550	2,889	30.3	6,661	69.7
1955	10,999	3,722	33.8	7,277	66.2
1956	14,382	4,697	32.7	9,685	67.3
1957	11,251	3,773	33.5	7,478	66.5
1958	8,592	3,712	43.2	4,880	56.8
1959	8,718	3,722	42.7	4,996	57.3
1960	7,390	1,430	19.4	5,960	80.6
1961	7,078	598	8.4	6,480	91.6
1962	7,725	1,378	17.8	6,347	82.2
1963	11,005	2,855	25.9	8,150	74.1
1964	12,110	3,686	30.4	8,424	69.6
1965	14,018	4,339	31.0	9,679	69.0
1966	16,565	5,933	35.8	10,632	64.2

Sources of Data:

All Data - 1961-66, "Cotton Situation," Jan. 1968, p. 6.  
Carryover - "Statistics on Cotton & Related Data, 1925-62."  
CCC - 1952-66, "Cotton Quality," U.S.D.A.

TABLE VII

U.S. Upland Cotton in C C C Stocks,  
United States, 1957-66 (1000 running bales)

Year (Beg. Aug. 1)	Total	<1" as a % of Total	Net Additions	<1" Net Additions	<1" Net Additions as a % of <1" Production
1957	5,108.9	43	-912.2	-105.0	----
1958	2,850.4	63	-2,258.5	-420.7	----
1959	6,940.2	41	4,089.8	1,017.4	34
1960	4,965.1	20	-1,975.1	-1,804.3	----
1961	1,446	--	-3,518.9	-1,011.3	----
1962	4,688	14	3,242	675	18
1963	8,017	29	3,329	1,622	42
1964	10,232	33	2,215	1,062	27
1965	11,397	34	1,165	542	16
1966	12,077	40	680	910	23

Sources:

1957-60 : (5), 1958-61, Vols. 31-34, No. 11

1961-66 : (7), January, 1968, p.6

TABLE VIII

Comparison of CCC Stocks With Annual Carryover and Production  
U.S. Upland Cotton, United States, 1957-66

Year (Beg. Aug. 1)	<1" CCC Stocks as a % of 1" Carryover	<1" CCC Stocks as a % of <1" Prev. Year's Production	Net Additions to CCC as a % of <1" Prev. Year's Production	≥1" CCC Stocks as a % of Stocks* ≥1" Carryover	≥1" CCC Stocks as a % of Year's Production
1957	58.9	79.6	-37.6	2,887	38.6
1958	48.5	65.3	-15.2	1,049.2	21.5
1959	75.7	94.5	34.1	4,121.6	82.5
1960	70.9	29.4	-52.3	3,950.8	66.3
1961	.5	.09	-30.0	1,443	22.3
1962	49	17.6	17.5	4,010	63.2
1963	80.6	59.9	42.2	5,716	70.1
1964	91.2	86.8	27.4	6,870	81.6
1965	90.0	113.5	15.8	7,493	77.4
1966	81.1	120.4	22.8	7,263	68.3

\* 1,000 Running Bales

Sources: See Tables VI and VII.

TABLE IX

Disappearance of U. S. Upland Cotton by staple lengths,  
United States 1937-66 (1,000 running bales)

Year (beg Aug. 1)	Total	≥ 1"	< 1"	< 1" as a % of total	15/16" and 31/32"	15/16" and 31/32" as a % of < 1"
1937	11,183	3,892	7,291	65.20	3,083	42.29
1938	10,091	4,367	5,724	56.72	2,869	50.12
1939	13,942	6,531	7,411	53.16	3,266	44.07
1940	10,703	6,400	4,303	40.20	2,328	54.10
1941	11,970	7,190	4,780	39.93	3,184	66.61
1942	12,308	7,387	4,921	39.98	2,881	58.55
1943	11,040	6,566	4,474	40.53	2,425	54.20
1944	11,384	7,125	4,259	37.41	2,386	56.02
1945	12,650	7,135	5,515	43.60	2,479	44.95
1946	13,288	8,962	4,326	32.56	1,993	46.07
1947	10,960	7,271	3,689	33.66	1,719	46.60
1948	12,349	8,695	3,654	29.59	1,705	46.66
1949	14,376	9,661	4,715	32.80	2,028	43.01
1950	14,447	11,145	3,302	22.86	1,605	48.61
1951	14,461	11,067	3,394	23.47	1,432	42.19
1952	12,089	8,833	3,256	26.93	1,417	43.52
1953	12,181	9,364	2,817	23.13	1,477	52.43
1954	12,128	9,023	3,105	25.60	1,551	49.95
1955	11,118	8,477	2,641	23.75	1,258	47.63
1956	16,233	12,518	3,715	22.89	1,623	43.69
1957	13,459	10,639	2,820	20.95	1,712	60.71
1958	11,228	8,254	2,974	26.49	2,442	82.11
1959	15,774	10,037	5,737	36.37	3,539	61.67
1960	14,512	10,307	4,205	28.98	3,718	88.42
1961	13,616	10,540	3,076	22.59	2,637	85.73
1962	11,474	9,110	2,364	20.60	2,018	85.36
1963	14,023	10,981	3,042	21.69	2,383	78.34
1964	13,124	10,338	2,786	21.23	1,495	53.66
1965	12,300	9,894	2,406	19.56	2,087	86.74
1966	13,886	10,319	3,567	25.69	1,914	53.66

Sources of Data: 1937-58: (3), P. 100  
1959-66: (5), 1967, Vol. 40, No. 8, p. 9

TABLE X

Exports of U.S. Upland Cotton - Total; Total Short Staple,  
Short Staple by Principle Countries of Destination, 1952-66 (1,000 running bales)

Year (Beg. Aug. 1)	Total	< 1" (Short Staple)	Europe	Japan	Korea	Hong Kong	Taiwan
1952	3,048	819	260.18	358.55	39.33	-	-
1953	3,761	906	231.68	422.33	92.64	1.51	-
1954	3,446	845	266.54	236.99	162.57	4.91	-
1955	2,215	1,116	346.30	415.47	121.98	42.13	118.03
1956	7,593	1,743	681.42	571.26	179.19	78.4	140.06
1957	5,717	1,587	566.62	564.09	159.04	121.54	97.65
1958	2,789	1,314	305.76	457.66	183.61	112.57	165.38
1959	7,183	2,393	578.73	931.34	244.31	218.78	169.16
1960	6,634	1,966	364.13	884.97	171.15	188.59	122.64
1961	4,916	1,543	324.94	550.40	248.39	92.41	169.12
1962	3,352	1,155	147.78	528.78	194.71	58.74	122.62
1963	5,660	1,524	253.65	661.47	208.05	136.63	91.05
1964	4,060	1,244	133.77	550.66	152.07	121.12	142.13
1965	2,942	1,146	125.35	484.68	171.11	82.9	111.44
1966	4,669	1,618	133.60	731.78	183.12	163.21	220.36

## Sources of Data:

- 1952: (7), Sept. 1953.  
 1953: (7), Oct. 1954.  
 1954-65: (7), Nov. 1955-66.  
 1966: (7), Sept. 1967.



TABLE XI

Average Exports of U.S. Upland Cotton, By Staple Lengths  
1952-66 (1,000 running bales)

Years (Beg. Aug. 1)	Average Total Exports Per Year	<1" Exports		<1" Exports as a % of Total Exports	<1" Exports as a % of <1" Disappearance
		Average Exports Per Year	as a % of Total Exports		
1952-54	3,418.59	856.67	25.06	28.0	
1955-59	5,099.7	1,630.60	31.97	45.6	
1960-64	4,924.18	1,486.40	30.19	48.0	
1965	2,942.11	1,146.0	38.95	47.6	
1966	4,668.85	1,618.0	34.66	45.4	

Source:  
See Tables IX & X.

TABLE XII

Average Exports of U.S. Upland Cotton, By Countries of Destination  
1952-66 (1,000 running bales)

(Beg. Aug. 1)	% of Exports < 1"		% of Exports 1"		Hong Kong Exports		% of Exports < 1"		Taiwan Exports		% of Exports < 1"		Japan Exports		Korea Hong-Kong, Taiwan, Japan Exports	
	Europe	< 1"	1"	% of Exports	Hong Kong	% of Exports	< 1"	Taiwan	% of Exports	< 1"	Japan	% of Exports	< 1"	Japan	% of Exports	< 1"
1952-54	252.8	29.5	98.18	11.5	2.14	0.25	-	339.29	39.6	439.61	51.3					
1955-59	495.77	30.4	177.63	10.9	114.68	7.0	138.06	587.96	36.1	1,018.33	62.5					
1960-64	244.85	16.5	194.87	13.1	119.50	8.0	129.51	635.26	42.7	904.80	60.9					
1965	125.35	10.9	171.11	14.9	82.90	7.2	111.44	484.68	42.3	844.42	78.5					
1966	133.60	8.3	183.12	11.3	163.21	10.1	220.36	731.78	45.2	1,298.47	80.3					

Source:

See Table X.

TABLE XIII

Disappearance, Supply, and Production Ratios of <1" to ≥1" U. S. Upland Cotton, United States, 1937 - 1966

Year Beginning Aug. 1	Disappearance Ratios	Supply* Ratios	Production Ratios	Disappearance- Supply Ratios		$\frac{D \geq 1''}{S \geq 1''}$
				< 1''	≥ 1''	
1937	187.33	204.59	197.99	47.99	52.41	91.57
1938	131.07	142.16	94.66	42.33	45.91	92.20
1939	113.47	126.03	102.76	54.48	60.51	90.03
1940	67.23	95.83	67.11	38.71	55.18	70.15
1941	66.48	91.77	60.42	44.50	61.43	72.44
1942	66.62	88.88	63.14	45.79	61.10	74.94
1943	68.14	95.20	74.01	42.47	59.34	71.57
1944	59.78	82.60	52.40	42.05	58.11	72.36
1945	77.30	74.77	42.06	65.06	62.93	103.38
1946	48.27	44.89	28.64	89.05	82.81	107.54
1947	50.74	45.81	49.96	84.19	76.01	110.76
1948	42.02	30.98	31.15	87.94	64.84	135.63
1949	48.80	39.54	56.46	78.78	63.83	123.42
1950	29.63	27.83	31.21	91.42	85.87	106.46
1951	30.67	33.44	36.19	78.88	86.01	91.71
1952	36.86	39.91	38.14	64.98	70.35	92.37
1953	30.08	35.61	32.12	49.37	58.43	84.49
1954	34.41	41.88	40.85	45.48	55.36	82.15
1955	31.15	40.40	33.22	35.99	46.67	77.12
1956	29.68	32.45	27.07	49.61	62.60	79.25
1957	26.51	42.09	34.31	43.17	68.55	62.98
1958	36.03	50.54	35.65	44.41	62.29	71.30
1959	57.16	44.81	31.34	80.04	62.75	127.55
1960	40.80	28.62	31.16	87.53	61.41	142.53
1961	29.18	26.37	37.03	69.08	62.41	110.69
1962	25.95	30.24	35.21	45.30	52.78	85.83
1963	27.70	34.68	34.41	45.21	56.59	79.89
1964	26.95	35.60	29.66	39.10	51.65	75.70
1965	24.32	40.62	36.86	28.86	48.20	59.88
1966	34.57	48.32	36.86	42.02	58.74	71.54

\*Production plus carryover  
Sources: See Tables I, VI, and IX

TABLE XIV

Average Market Prices and Government Support Prices (per pound) for Middling 15/16" and 1 1/16" Staple Length,  
U. S. Upland Cotton, 1937-66.

Year Beginning Aug. 1	Middling 15/16"		Middling 1 1/16"	
	Average Market Price	Support Price	Average Market Price	Support Price
1937	9.09		9.82	
1938	9.00		9.56	
1939	10.09		10.46	
1940	11.00		11.46	
1941	18.31		19.07	
1942	20.14		21.28	
1943	20.65		21.82	
1944	21.86		23.04	
1945	25.96		26.96	
1946	34.82		35.45	
1947	34.58		36.31	
1948	32.15		33.27	
1949	31.83		33.22	
1950	42.58		43.78	
1951	39.42		40.49	
1952	34.52-34.72		36.00	
1953	33.55		35.08	
1954	33.88-34.02		36.17	
1955	34.38		36.72	
1956	32.35		35.02	
1957	32.93		36.12	
1958	32.96		36.14	
1959	30.26-30.17		33.46	
1960	29.43		32.43	
1961	32.43		35.08	
1962	32.26		34.93	
1963	31.85		34.68	
1964	29.39 22.89		32.40 25.90	
1965	28.19 22.44		31.46 25.71	
1966	20.20	19.60	24.73	22.80

Sources: Columns 2 and 4 - 1937-48: (1), p. 158  
1949-58: (2), p. 131  
1959-66: (8), p. 5

Columns 3 and 5 - 1943-53: (5), 1944-54  
1954-66: (7), May, 1955-67

TABLE XV

Average Market and Support Price Ratios of <1" to =1" U. S. Upland Cotton and Market and Support Price Differentials, United States, 1937-66.

Year Beginning Aug. 1	Average Market		Price Support		Aver. Market		Price	
	Price Ratios	Price Ratios	Ratios	Ratios	Differentials	Differentials	Support Differentials	Support Differentials
1937	92.57				.73			
1938	94.14				.56			
1939	96.46				.37			
1940	95.99				.46			
1941	96.01				.76			
1942	94.64				1.14			
1943	94.64		94.13		1.17			1.20
1944	94.88		95.26		1.18			1.05
1945	96.29		94.62		1.00			1.20
1946	98.22		95.87		.63			1.05
1947	95.24		97.56		1.73			.70
1948	96.63		95.05		1.12			1.60
1949	95.82		96.24		1.39			1.15
1950	97.26		95.62		1.20			1.35
1951	97.36		96.21		1.07			1.25
1952	95.89		96.97		1.48			1.00
1953	95.64		95.75		1.53			1.45
1954	93.67		95.41		2.29			1.60
1955	93.63		94.37		2.34			2.00
1956	92.38		92.94		2.67			2.40
1957	91.17		92.30		3.19			2.60
1958	91.20		91.31		3.18			3.20
1959	90.44		90.56		3.20			3.10
1960	90.75		89.61		3.00			3.20
1961	92.45		91.57		2.65			2.90
1962	92.36		92.45		2.67			2.55
1963	91.84		92.31		2.83			2.60
1964	90.71		91.40		3.01			2.70
1965	89.61		90.51		3.27			2.90
1966	81.68		85.96		4.53			3.20

Sources: See Table XIV