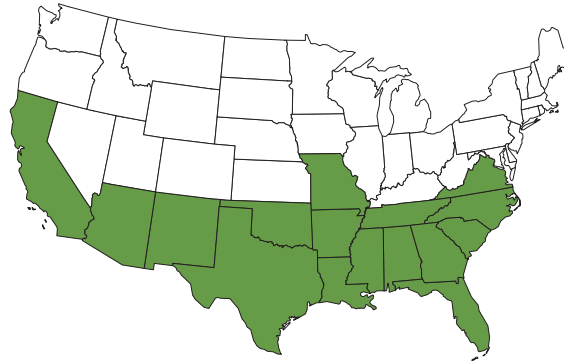


Did You Know?

-  The cotton plant produces nearly as much seed as it does fiber per acre.
-  Cotton is grown over most of the southern half of the United States. The shaded areas on the map on the back cover designate the cotton growing areas of the country.
-  Cottonseed contributes about 15% of the farmer's cotton crop income.
-  The seed from one bale of cotton will produce enough oil to cook nearly 6,000 snack-sized bags of potato chips.
-  Products such as Crisco, Wesson Oil, Blue Plate Salad Dressing, Ivory Soap and numerous other familiar products were originally developed using cottonseed oil.
-  Cottonseed oil is trans-fat free, contains no cholesterol and can play a role in reducing saturated fat intake.
-  The cottonseed oil mill industry is a \$1.5 billion industry providing jobs throughout the United States.
-  750 million pounds of cottonseed oil are produced annually, making cottonseed oil the third most abundantly available vegetable oil produced in the United States.
-  Like all other food crops, cotton production is highly regulated by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration), the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and other regulatory agencies.



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Part Of Your Daily Life.

When you think of cotton, do you think of snack food ingredients? Photo film? Feed for cattle, catfish and other animals? Tooth paste? If you're like most people, you probably think first of the comfortable, breathable clothing and textiles made from cotton fiber.

But, textiles are only part of the cotton story. The real news is that the cotton plant produces as much food for man and feed for animals as it does fiber. All elements of the seed: linters, kernels and hulls are used in consumer products, delicious foods and nutritious feed for animals.

The development of the cottonseed industry had its beginnings with the invention of the cotton gin in 1793. The cotton gin made large supplies of cottonseed available, thus spurring development of the cottonseed products industry. Today, cottonseed products touch our lives in many different ways, throughout the day.

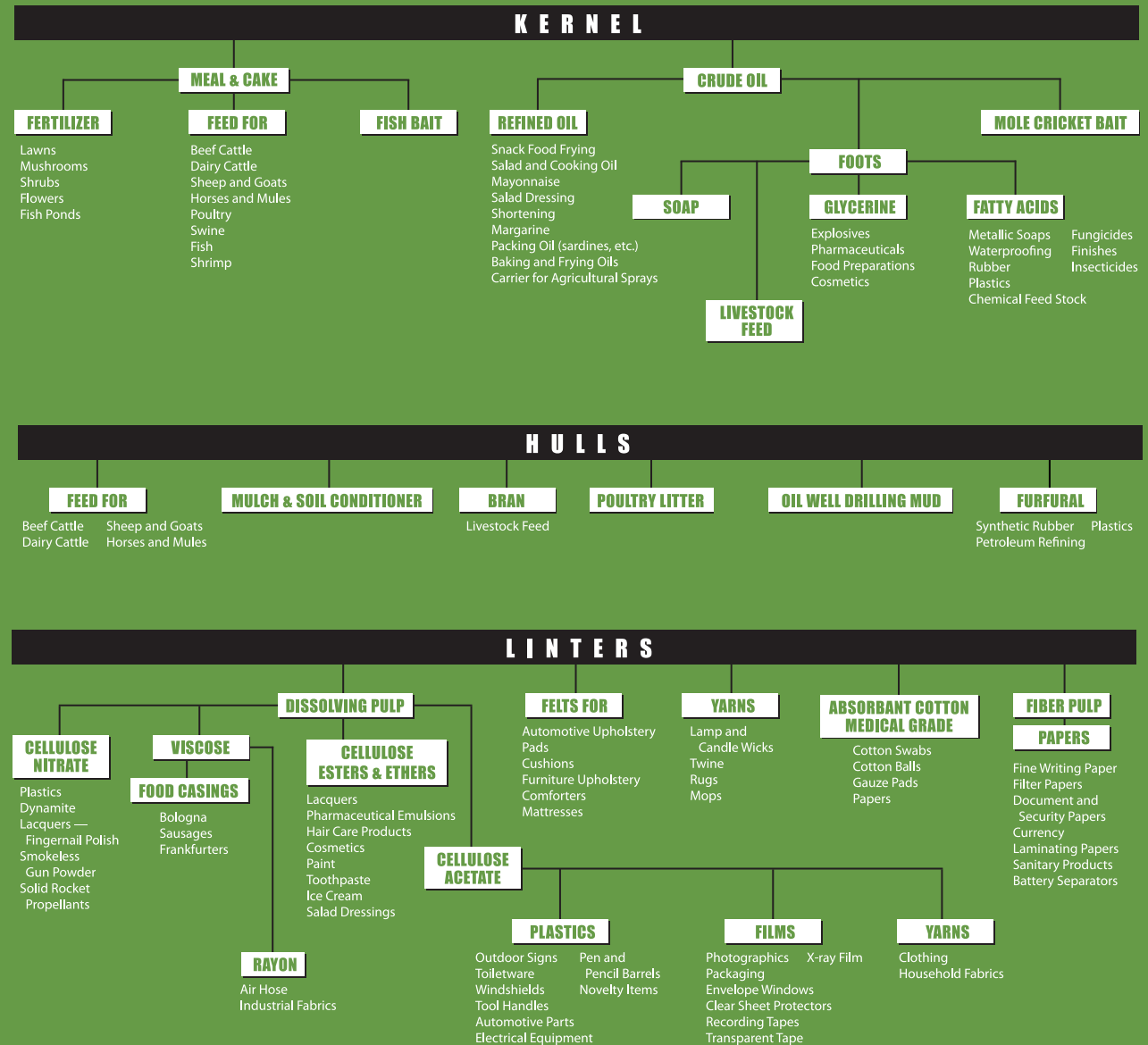
One of the first of these was America's original vegetable oil, cottonseed oil. Cottonseed oil is extracted from the cottonseed kernel. Even after more than a hundred years, cottonseed oil is still widely used in various snack foods, such as chips, pretzels, and crackers. Cottonseed oil is also a key ingredient in many marinades, dressings, margarines and prepared foods. And, the use of the kernels extends to a variety of other products, from cosmetics to the cottonseed meal fed to cattle as a high protein, high energy feed supplement.

Linters, which are the short fibers that cling to the seed, go into everything from photographic film to paper currency to cellulose products used in foods such as ice cream, maple syrup and chewing gum.

Even the protective hulls surrounding the kernels are used as roughage in the diet of cattle and as a high quality, organic mulch for gardening.

Cottonseed Products and Their Many Uses

Take a look at the chart below and discover how cottonseed touches your family's life everyday.



As the second leading producer of cotton, the United States accounts for 20% of world production of cottonseed.