Domestic wool industry has been through significant changes over the last 50 years.

Then

Now

Relocation of Wool Textile Industry

Growth of wool textile industry in China and Eastern Europe as industry relocates.

Wool Scouring 1973

Source: The Woolmark Co.
The major importer of US wool by a large percentage is Asia and Pacific rim countries (mainly China and India).

- Majority of US wool clip is exported (In some years as high as 70 to 80%)

Currently

Emerging Trends In The Wool Industry

Government Procurement

Military generally uses approx 20% of U.S. clip annually

Focus on finer microns
Increased demand for next to skin fabrics in knitting industry

Redevelopment of the Wool Knitting Industry In The US

The rumors are true, a quality clip of wool is being produced in the USA. We traveled to Montana to investigate what the Lehfeldt Family has been up to for the last 100 years. What we found was an ultra fine fiber being produced by their Rambouillet Sheep. The fiber being produced is the last piece of our puzzle, a piece which will allow us to make a 100% USA garment. Sheep to Shak made entirely in the USA.
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Minimum Lot Size
Chargeurs Worsted (??,000 pounds)
Bollman Woolen (??,000 pounds)

US Wool Marketing System
- Wool Grower
- Local Warehouse
- Local Wool Pool
- Field Buyer
- Central Market Dealer/Exporter
- US Mill
- Foreign Mill

Rapidly Growing Wool Processing Cottage Industry

Consolidated Pool

Individual Fleece Sales