

# COTTON

- One of the most versatile textiles, cotton has been a staple fabric for more than 7,000 years and is appreciated for its breathability, absorbency, and soft hand.
- The fiber is very short (0.5-2.5 inches) and comes from the boll or seed of the cotton plant.
- The fiber is woven into many different fabrics including denim, jersey, terry, velour, etc.

## PROPERTIES:

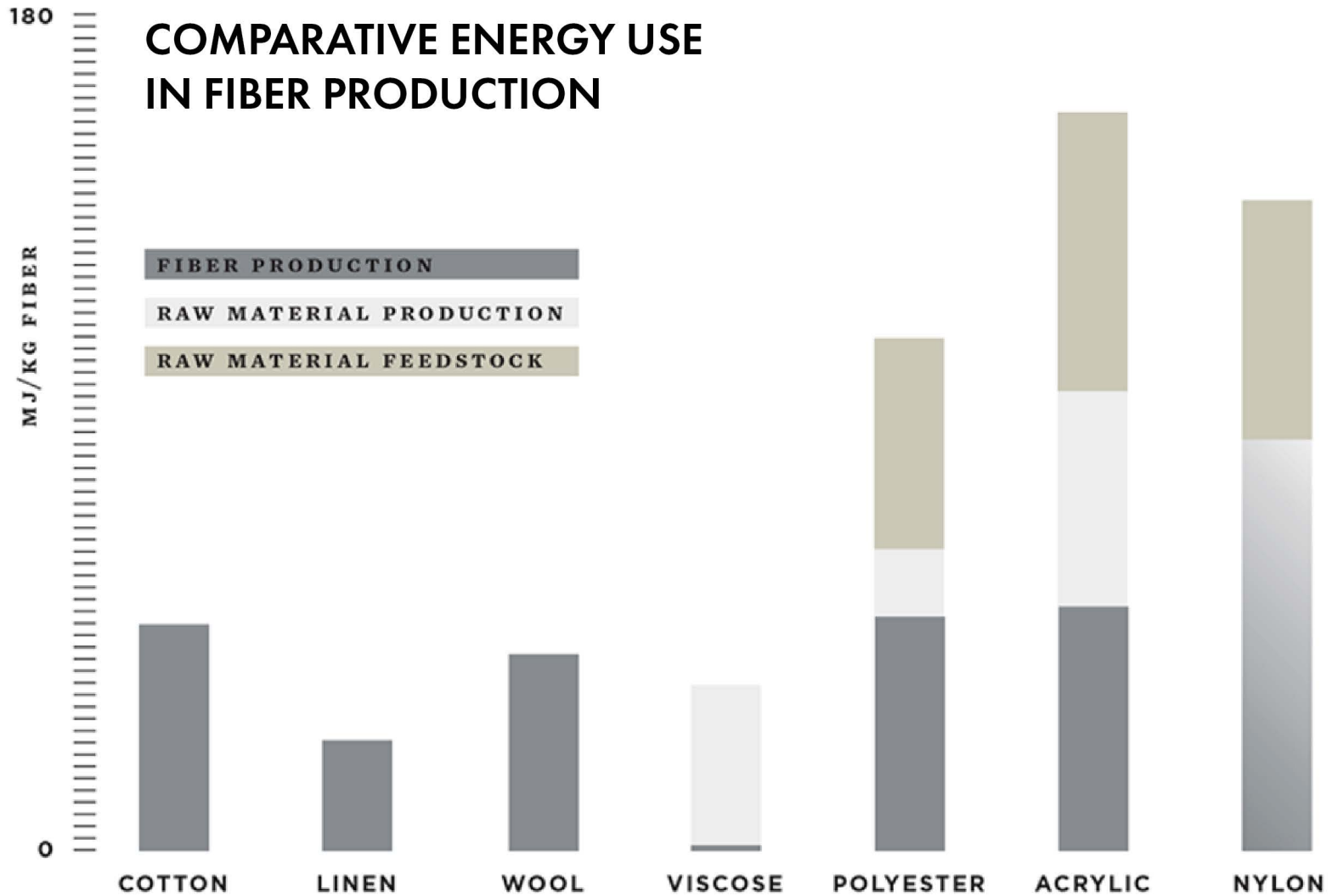
- Breathable.
- Absorbs perspiration quickly without feeling damp to the skin.
- Fibers do not stretch or pill.
- Wrinkles easily.
- Does not build up static.
- High heat tolerance.
- Relatively environmentally-friendly (see next page).



## CARE:

- Machine washable.
- Wash on normal cycle with cold or lukewarm water. Tumble dry low or hang to dry.
- Cotton can be worn crisp + perfectly pressed or care-free, and naturally rumpled. Options are as follows:
  - Leave unpressed for a natural look.
  - Press on the inside of the garment, using a press cloth when possible to remove wrinkles.

## COMPARATIVE ENERGY USE IN FIBER PRODUCTION



Feedstock energy use reflects the energy associated with fossil fuel extraction.  
Bottom nylon segment includes both fiber and raw material production.