



positive and negative environmental impacts associated with

cotton

Cotton is a natural fibre derived from cotton plant agricultural crops.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rapidly-renewable resource• local sources are available• fibre is used in its least-processed state• able to absorb and retain Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)• biodegradable• reusable and recyclable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• can use large quantities of insecticides and fertilisers• the use of aerial spraying spreads chemicals widely into the environment• intensive farming can lead to land degradation• can use large amounts of water for irrigation• often hazardous defoliants are used to remove the leaves from the plant