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- IS09001

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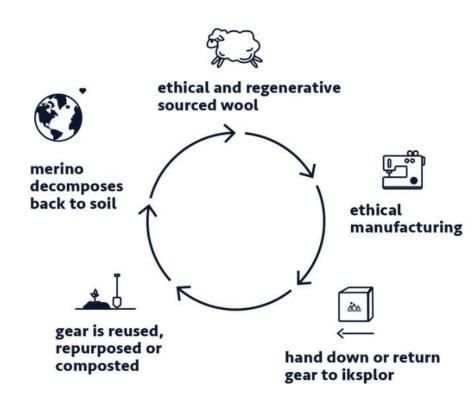
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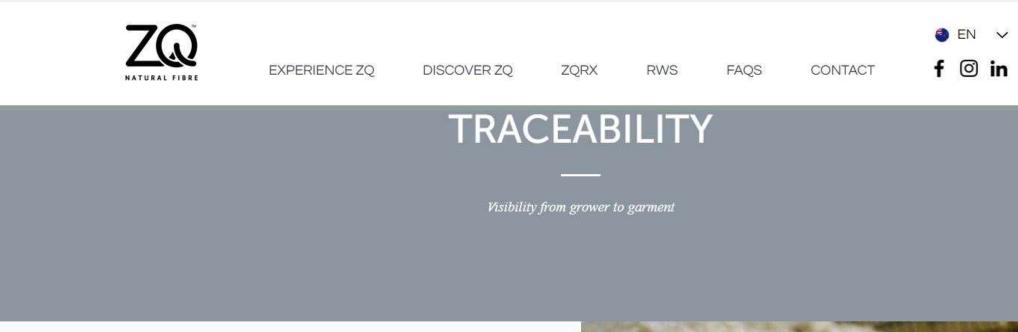


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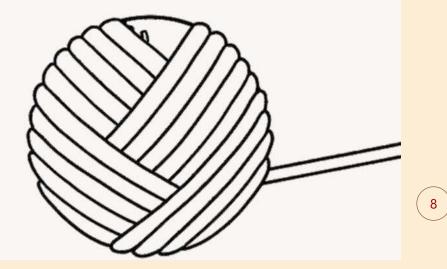


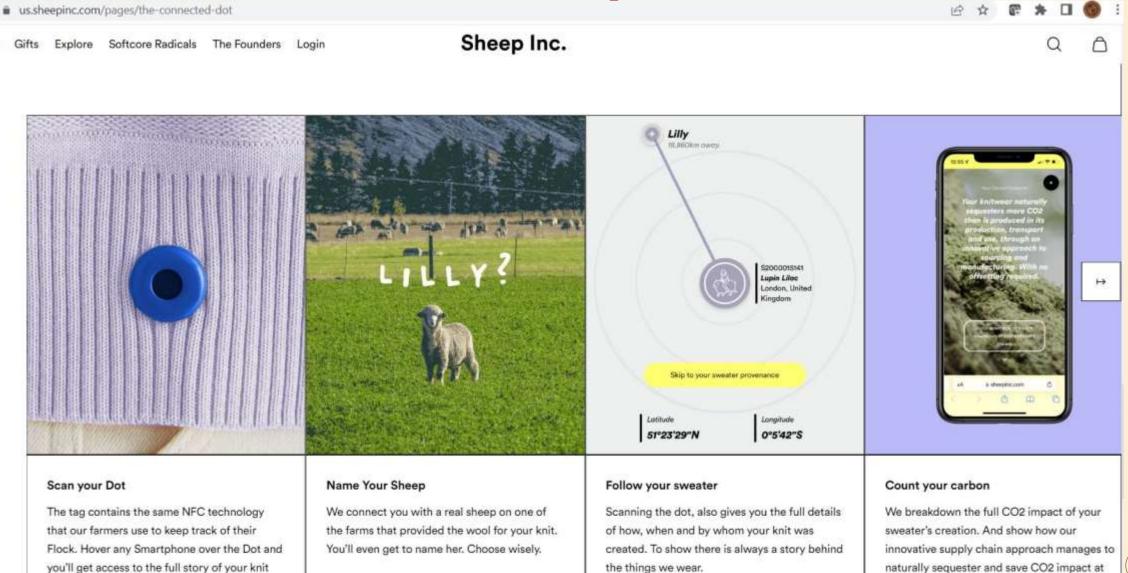
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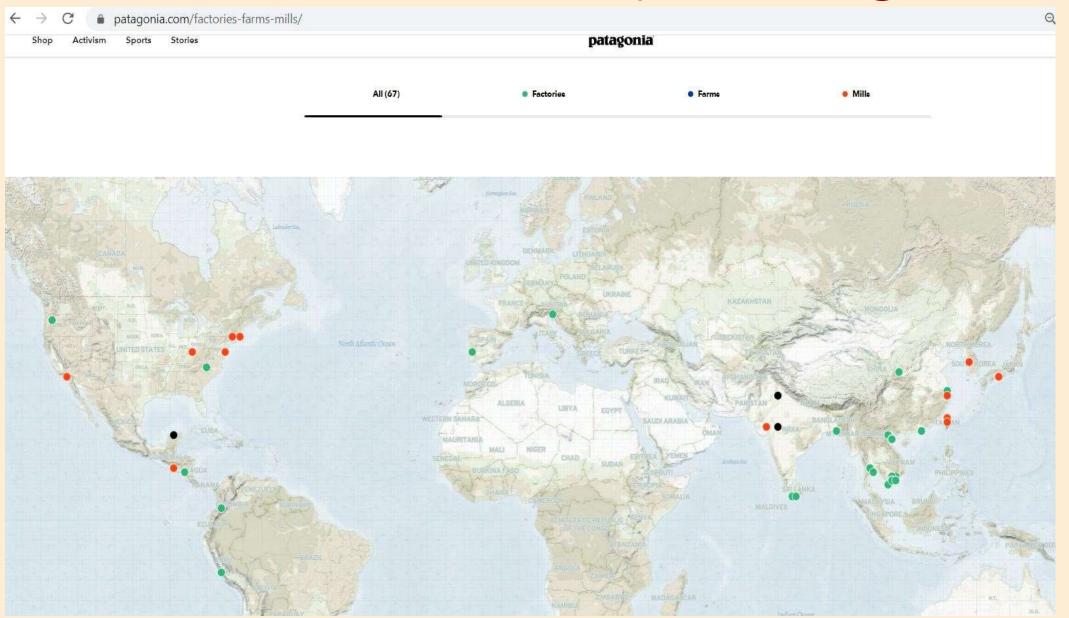




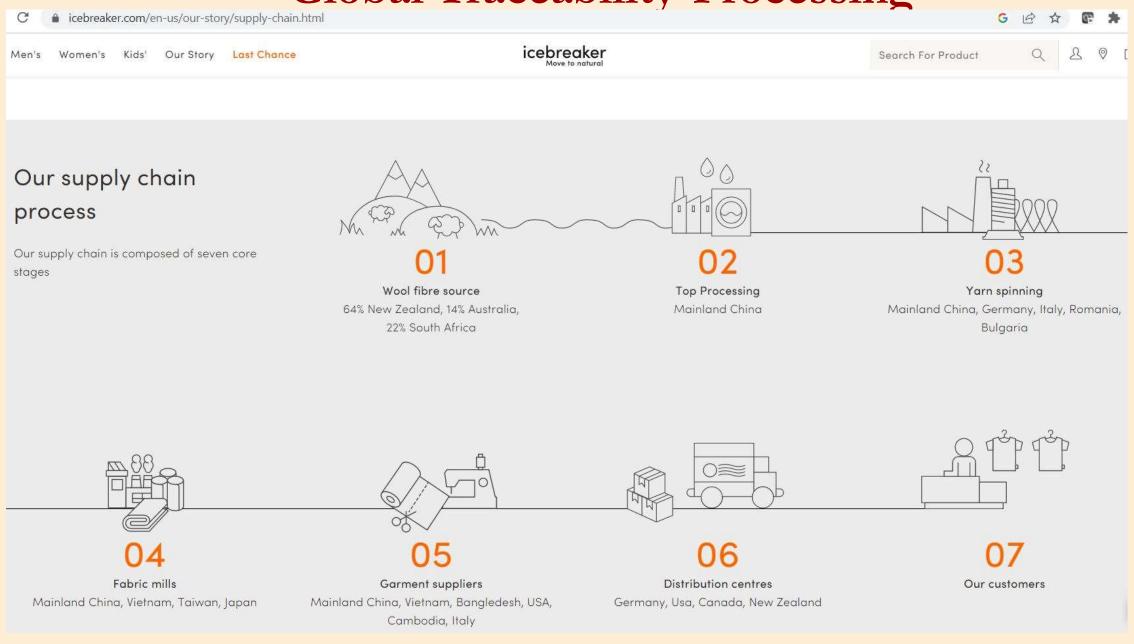
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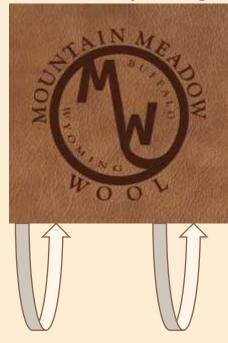
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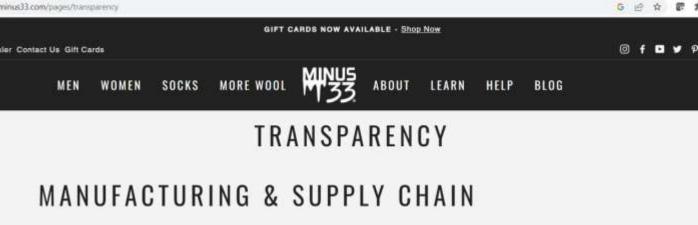
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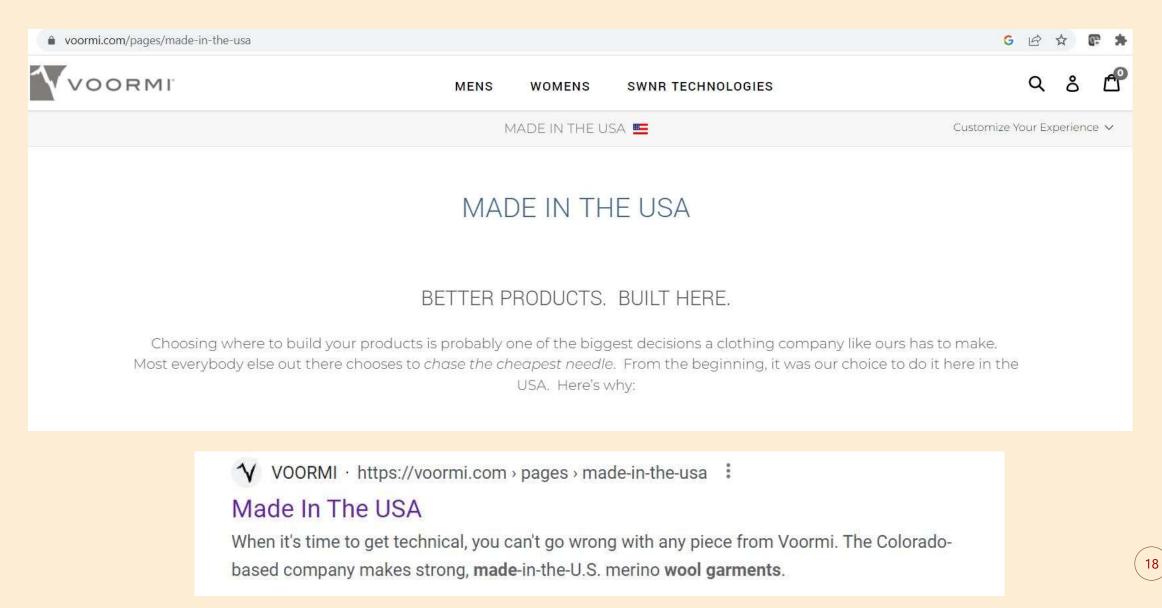


WHERE ARE YOUR PRODUCTS MADE?

The apparel industry is a complex and multilayered business operation. There are multiple levels to the supply chain - read below where each part of the garment-making process takes place, and which types of products have certain sources.

We take pride in vetting our suppliers thoroughly to make sure they are certified both environmentally and socially, while also delivering great quality materials to create our products. We understand that there are some concerns over certain countries, and we are always doing our best to evaluate our supply chains and make the best decisions possible whenever opportunities become available.

The reality is that a large majority of the mass production of wool in the world is now based in Asian countries, where they have established global operations and more advanced technology. We draw from our own personal experience in order to make sure the suppliers we work with are trusted, high quality, and ethically sound. We regularly travel to visit our suppliers and ensure things are running according to our standards.



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For textile and wool products: Under the Textile and Wool Acts, these products must be labeled to identify the country where they were processed or manufactured.

- Imported products must identify the country where they were processed or manufactured.
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- Products manufactured in part in the U.S. and in part abroad must identify both aspects.

In addition, print and online catalogs must disclose whether a textile was made in USA, imported or both.

Traceability of American Wool Assurance Program Certified Wool through the U.S. Wool Supplychain and Potential Use of Blockchain Technology

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Blanket #230

Traceability Number: 25300-A6-B4-C3-E45-230

Wool Supply Chain Transfer Possibilities

1	LI Producer	Transfer	WB Buyer	Transfer	A First-Stage Processing	Transfer	C Spinning	Transfer	D Packaged Dyeing	Transfer	E/F Knitting/ Weaving
2	LI Producer	Transfer	A First-Stage Processing	Transfer	C Spinning	Transfer	D Packaged Dyeing	Transfer	E Knitting/ Weaving		
3	LI Producer	Transfer	WB Buyer	Transfer	A First-Stage Processing	Transfer	B Top Dyeing	Transfer	C Spinning	Transfer	E/F Knitting/ Weaving
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Table 2. Traceability data points and definitions collected by the traceability process at each stage of processing. (**shaded rows indicate private information only available to the governing firm, white/non-shaded row indicates data point available to all those in the supplychain**)

Stage (Below is process verified pre-fix)	Name of Data Point**	Definition**
· · · ·	AWA Lot Number (Assigned by AWA)	Assigned when wool clip is verified by AWA 5-digit number
	AWA Certificate Number	Given when verification process is completed by AWA
	Primary Operator	Contact person for entity
	Farm/Ranch Name	Name of entity
Producer (Lot Information)	Wool Origin Location	
	Date of Shearing	
LI	Total number of sheep shorn	
	Bale Weight(s)	
	Description of wool	
	Bale Log	
	Bale Numbers included in the Lot Report (on-farm	Assigned bale number by producer
	labeling)	Assigned bale humber by producer
	Internal Work Order	For internal use only
	AWA Lot Number	Assigned above
	Process Verified Number	Number assigned to wool buyer/broker by AWA designed by WB
	Location of firm	City and State
Wool Buyer/Broker	Traceability Number	Traceability Number at current stage
wool Buyer/Broker	Date Received	Date bales arrived to mill
WB	Weight in	Combined Weight of all bales
WD	Date Completed	Date bales left the mill
	Weight Out	Combined weight of all bales
	Core Test Information	Core test results attached
	Bale Number Correlation	If bales are relabeled, a correlation between WB numbers and producer numbers

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	Internal Work Order	For internal use only			
	AWA Lot Number	Assigned above			
	Bales Used	Bale numbers and weight used in each run of scouring			
	Process Verified Number	Number assigned to First Stage Processor by AWA designated by A			
First Stage Processing	Location of firm	City and State			
	Traceability Number	Traceability Number at current stage			
Α	Date Received	Date bales arrived to the mill			
	Weight In	Combined weight of all bales			
	Date Completed	Date clean wool left the mill			
	Weight Out	Weight of clean wool leaving			
	Completed Product Result (combed top/clean wool)	In what form the clean wool/ combed top left the mill			
	Internal WO	To aid in correlating with company's current system			
	AWA Lot Number	Assigned above			
	Process Verified Number	Number assigned to Type Dyer designated by B			
Dyeing	Location of firm	City and State			
	Traceability Number	Traceability Number at current stage			
В	Date Received	Date wool entered the firm			
	Weight In	Total weight of all the wool			
	Date Completed	Date wool left the firm			
	Weight Out	Total weight of all the wool			
	Internal Work Order	To aid in correlating with company's current system			
	AWA Lot Number	Assigned above			
	Process Verified Number	Number assigned to spinning designated by C			
Spinning	Location of firm	City and State			
	Traceability Number	Traceability Number at current stage			
С	Date Received	Date product entered firm			
	Weight In	Weight of all products			
	Date Completed	Date product left the firm			
	Weight Out	Weight of all product			

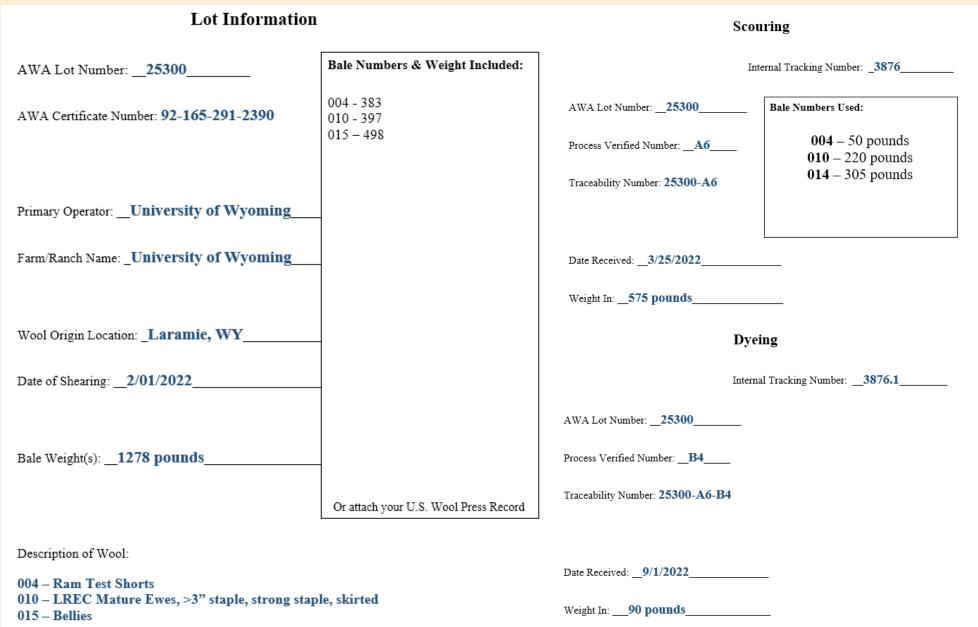
Internal WO To aid in correlating with company's current system AWA Lot Number Assigned Above Number assigned to knitter/weaver designated by D/E Process Verified Number (knitter/weaver) Knitting/Weaver Traceability Number at current stage Traceability Number Location of firm City and State D/E Date Received Date product entered the firm Weight In Weight of all product Date Completed Date product left the firm Weight & Quantity of Products out Weight and quantity of product leaving the firm AWA Lot Number Assigned above Number assigned to wholesaler designated by F Wholesaler Process Verified Number Location of Firm City and State F Date Received Date product arrived Date Completed Date Product left AWA Logo Final Traceability Number including: String of numbers associated each step in the 1. AWA Lot Number Retailer supplychain with a process verified number linking AWA Certificate Number 2. back to the firm. Scouring Number 3. AWA lot number is unique and specific to lot of wool G Dyeing Number 4. that will allow each traceability number (belonging to Spinning Number 5. group of products) to be unique. Knitting/Weaving Number 6. **Final Traceability Number Explanation** Lot Number-Wool Buyer/Broker-First Stage Processing-Top Dyer-Spinning-Knitting/Weaving-Wholesaler-Retailer - B### - C### - D##<u># -</u> E### - F### - G### ##### -AA### A### e.g., 25300-AA54-A6-B4-C3-D45-F301-G506 e.g., 00010-AA2-A3-C14-D6-E9-F203-G766

Note: The supplychain flow of each individual product will determine the set of process verified numbers used. Not all products will go through the entire process.

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Spinning
Internal Tracking Number: 3876.1 a & b
AWA Lot Number: _25300
Process Verified Number: <u>C3</u>
Traceability Number: 25300-A6-B4-C3
Knitting
Internal Tracking Number:3876.1a & b
AWA Lot Number: _25300
Process Verified Number:D45

Traceability Number: 25300-A6-B4-C3-D45

Next Steps

What else needs to be done prior to industry implementation?

- Feedback loop within industry stakeholders
- Large-Mid-Small scale pilot tests if needed and/or simulations
- Identify suitable database/tracking system
- Identify suitable data management entity
- Cost basis producer processor customer

MMW Recommendations:

- AWA to be a leader in implementation of a system but avoid an AWA exclusive system
 - Enables the use by existing leaders in traceability
 - Provides a mechanism for tracing other fiber properties (breed specific, ranch specific, etc)
- Focus on ease of implementation & use

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