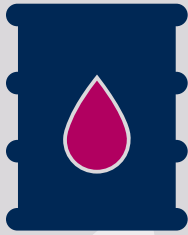


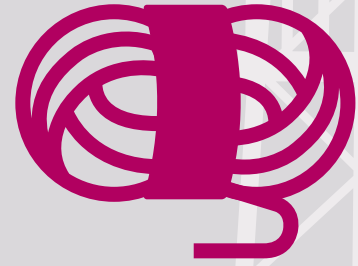
UNDERSTANDING RISING COMMODITY PRICES

The usual responses of switching one material to another is not possible as raw material prices are rising across the board.



Brent Crude, an international benchmark, is up 56% year on year

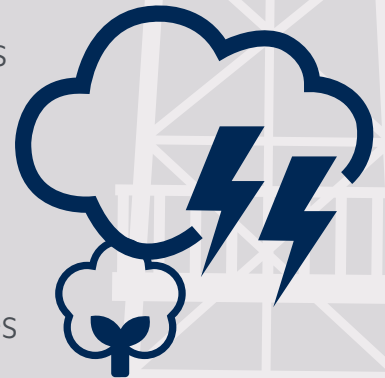
Demand for wool is rising faster than farmers can supply



The price of oil, used to make synthetic fabrics, such as polyester and nylon is up over 50% year on year



Cotton prices are rising because bad weather is reducing global supplies



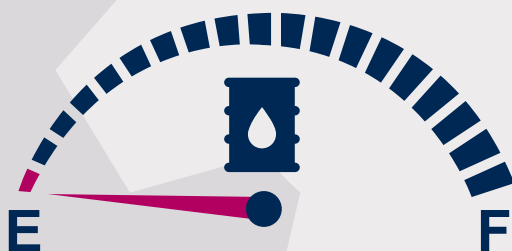
The Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and Russia, have reduced oil production so prices are rising



The Dollar has fallen by 9% since January 2018



Bangladesh wage award has seen a 51% increase



Libya and Venezuela have seen oil supply outages

Breeding sheep is a slow process; it takes 2-3 years to have any impact on the market

