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## TEXTILE & FABRIC NEWSLETTER

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### COTTON PRICES STILL SKY-

**HIGH!** The unprecedented raise in the World Cotton markets, starting in 2010, show no signs of receding at this point in early 2011. Cotton fiber prices jumped 92% in 2010! This has thrown cold water on any chance of progress and economic recovery for the U.S. Textile industry. Try keeping profit margins with this kind of destructive situation. According to the latest Cotton Inc. Economic Letter(1-13), don't expect any significant lowering of prices before October, if at all! Tough news for Cotton Mills like Thompson. We still do our best in giving our customers value in fabric prices.

### 2011 PRODUCT PRICE LIST

**READY-** In late December we mailed out the new price lists. If you didn't get yours, please let us know!

### TRADE SHOWS:

we will be exhibiting at these 2 Fabric Shows!

INTERNATIONAL TEXTILES EXPO in Las Vegas March 21st-24th

QUILT MARKET in Salt Lake City May 13th-15th

### NOW IN STOCK!

Micro Brushed Twill in 6 new colors— Brown, Wine, Khaki, Navy, Gray and Hunter Green! Call for your sample card today

## Thompson's Mexican Plant— Creativity, Versatility and Quality in Sewn Textiles!

Our Thompson Packaging Novelties division made a big move back in 1994-with the help of Martin Vasquez, we opened our Sewing operation in Hermosillo! This industrial city is located in the state of Sonora, in NW Mexico. It is also home to a large Ford Motors plant. Martin is our Plant Manager, and oversees 30 plus employees in getting our products to our customers.

We manufacture specialized sewn textile products for a wide variety of end-uses. If you have ever gotten a lemon wrapped in yellow mesh at your favorite seafood place, this is made here! We sell this to Sysco & other major food product distributors. If you have a Bose home entertainment sound system in your house, our sewn mesh speaker “port screens” are

part of the system. No doubt you have seen shoe polishing mitts and bags in your travels, hotel amenities made by Thompson. The hot new game at tailgate and backyard parties- “Cornhole” or “Bags Game” couldn't be played without our sewn Canvas

bags. We are a major supplier of Cotton bags for the Pork industry. We do Polishing cloths and goggle bags. We have done many specialty promotional jobs for bags made out of Burlap, Canvas and Flannel.

In addition to various Sewing capabilities, our manufacturing processes include Slitting, Die Cutting, Silk-Screen Printing, Narrow Weaving, and Packaging.



Martin Vasquez, Brenda Leon, Chris Rubio

2010 saw the addition of 2 Quilting Machines! We can now quilt any of our basic fabrics. In addition to Martin, the management team at Hermosillo includes Brenda Leon— Quality Control, and Chris Rubio, Production Manager. A great, energetic group!

Do you have a sewn product we can make for you? We are ready!

## New Colors Added to Premier Quality Sultana Burlap

Last year, we introduced 60” Sultana Burlap. This is a tightly-woven Jute fabric targeted for Decorative and Industrial end-uses, where that 60” width makes a difference in specs and applications. It has been wildly suc-

cessful! We have added the following new colors:  
Brown  
Light Blue  
Navy  
Avocado  
Idaho Potato  
Hunter Green

If you are a retailer and buy our other Burlaps, try a roll of Natural Sultana for your Home Décor dept. For the Party/Event Trade, this fabric is excellent for chair-backs, tablecloths. Sample cards available!