

US: Unifi to expand Repreve recycled fibre capacity

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US yarn manufacturer [Unifi](#) is expanding its capacity to manufacture Repreve recycled fibres as a result of demand from new customers.

With the US\$5m expansion at its North Carolina recycling facility, capacity will increase from 42m pounds to 72m pounds annually. Since opening in 2010, the company has invested \$15m in total in the facility.

Repreve fibres are made from recycled bottles, and apparel is one of the largest and fastest growing end-uses, with customers including [The North Face](#) and [Nike](#). The expansion will increase the availability of the company's product offerings such as lower deniers that support lighter-weight fashion trends, flame retardant yarns and WaterWise colour technology.



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"Expanding our Repreve manufacturing capabilities highlights our commitment to the brand and provides increased flexibility to better serve our customers," said Unifi COO Roger Berrier. "As we bring the new machinery online, it's clear that the increased versatility will help better position Repreve to support the growth and demand for recycled products."