

CHART

Data Chart—Multiple Choice

Directions: Use the information in the chart and your knowledge of U.S. history to answer the questions.

Cotton and Slavery in the United States, 1790–1860

Year	Cotton Production <i>1,000 bales</i>	Slave Population <i>millions</i>
1790	3	.7
1800	73	.9
1810	178	1.2
1820	335	1.5
1830	732	2.0
1840	1,348	2.5
1850	2,136	3.2
1860	3,841	4.0

Source: *Historical Statistics of the United States: 1789–1945*

- There was 24 times more cotton produced in 1800 than in 1790. This fact can be most directly attributed to
 - good weather.
 - better methods of planting.
 - the invention of the cotton gin.
 - greater demand for cotton.
- In which of the following periods did the enslaved population at least double?
 - 1830–1860
 - 1810–1840
 - 1800–1830
 - All of the above
- In which decade did both the enslaved population and cotton production grow by the greatest amount?
 - 1790–1800
 - 1840–1850
 - 1850–1860
 - 1800–1830
- In which year was the ratio of cotton bales to enslaved population closest to 1 to 1, meaning one bale of cotton for each enslaved person?
 - 1860
 - 1850
 - 1840
 - 1830

Test Your Knowledge

How did the invention of the cotton gin affect the economies of the North and South in the years between 1800 and 1850?