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RESOLUTION

USDA COTTON GINNING LABORATORY - STONEVILLE

The USDA Cotton Ginning Laboratory at Stoneville has been vitally important to the fiber quality and economics of cotton production and processing in all upland cotton-growing areas. The advances in technology for cotton ginning that have been produced by the Stoneville-based USDA Cotton Ginning Laboratory have enabled gins to remain compliant with air quality standards of EPA while at the same time, constantly improving the management of fiber quality.

Delta Council urges the USDA Cotton Ginning Laboratory to continue to emphasize the study of all aspects for reducing costs and increasing marketable cotton lint which possesses characteristics that respond to prevailing market signals. Also, special attention should be focused on the behavior and quality of newer and higher-yielding cotton varieties at the point of ginning.

USDA should focus emphasis on cottonseed research aimed at ensuring the future market share in the oil and meal marketplace.

Delta Council praises U.S. Senator Thad Cochran for including increased funding for the Mid South Ginning Laboratory in the FY'07 Senate Appropriations measure and we urge the Congress to provide the balance (\$250k) of additional funds to the Stoneville laboratory during future fiscal years in order to accelerate the capacity of commercial cotton gins to meet the growing demands of cotton quality and competitiveness in the domestic and international marketplace.

Adopted by; Delta Council Ginning and Cotton Quality Improvement Committee
July 24, 2008



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RESOLUTION COTTONSEED ASSISTANCE

Delta Council expresses its appreciation to the Congress for recognizing the importance of price stabilization for cottonseed by providing cottonseed assistance for the 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2005 crop season. Without this price stabilization provided by the Congress, the infrastructure of the cotton industry would have been severely jeopardized and huge debt would have been incurred by cotton ginning and cottonseed crushing operations.

Delta Council urges the Congress to establish permanent law which provides income and price stabilization to the cottonseed industry and suggests that the National Cotton Council develop a consensus-based approach to establish policy proposals for the implementation and administration of such a program. Delta Council specifically requests that National Cotton Council delegates and directors from the Producer, Ginner, and Oil Mill segments urge the National Cotton Council to take the initiative in this effort.

Relative to the future of the bio-energy policies of the federal government, Delta Council requests that an analysis be performed on the market impacts which bio-fuels production and the by-products which it generates, have on the whole seed and crushed market for cottonseed. Further, Delta Council encourages the cotton industry to examine the merits and feasibility of including cottonseed in national energy policy.

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