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Resolution

Cotton Flow

Delta Council commends the Cotton Flow Committee of the National Cotton Council for its work on measures aimed at maintaining the orderly flow of cotton from the farm to the end-user for the purpose of remaining competitive in domestic and international markets.

Relative to ~~current~~ proposals being considered ***by the industry and USDA***, for the purposes of possible amendments (pertaining to cotton flow), ~~in the 2018 Farm Bill discussions~~, Delta Council views that every effort should be made to maintain the orderly flow of cotton; however, until a more meaningful level of funding is provided for the adjustment of the recently-enacted seed cotton reference price in the 2018 Farm Bill (\$.38 or \$.39, according to recent National Cotton Council proposals), Delta Council places its highest priority on this reference price adjustment. Any additional federal funds that might be dedicated to the cotton provisions of the recently-enacted seed cotton program in the Farm Bill debate should first be focused on adjusting the reference price for seed cotton, ~~prior to consideration being given for other worthy, but lower priority income protection or cotton flow features of the 2018 Farm Bill~~ ***and be followed by needs of enhancing cotton flow in accord with National Cotton Council policies.***

~~Further, Delta Council views that the cotton industry should consider other adjustments and alternatives that might be developed which could possibly produce a more timely impact, no requirement for a statutory solution, and less Federal outlays, and necessary offsets that are likely to be required in any cotton flow provision.~~

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