

# 2015 Georgia Quality Cotton Awards

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Over 70% of US cotton is exported to foreign mills that demand high-quality fiber. Georgia is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest state in the US in cotton acreage and production. The quality of Georgia cotton is important to the US cotton industry. Both fiber quality and yield are important economic factors for profitability. The Georgia Quality Cotton Awards began in 2005. The main purpose of the award is to recognize producers and ginners of high quality fiber. The Award is administered by The University of Georgia Cotton Team and co-sponsored by Bayer CropScience and the Georgia Cotton Commission.

## Objectives

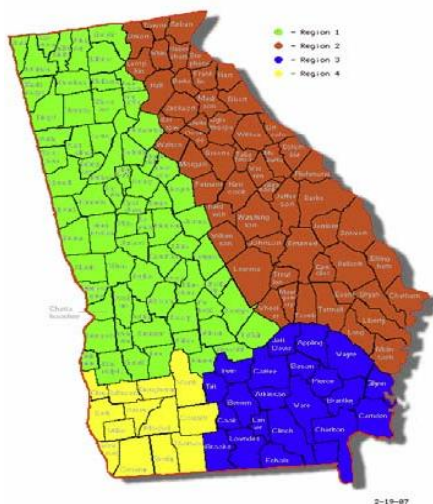
- Recognize the farmers and gins producing the highest quality cotton in Georgia.
- Identify management practices associated with production of high-quality fiber.
- Publicize and promote the quality of Georgia cotton.

## Advisory Committee

- UGA Cotton Team  
-Don Shurley
- Georgia Cotton Commission  
-Richey Seaton  
-Chris Chammoun
- Bayer CropScience  
-Josh Mayfield  
-Steve Nichols
- Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association  
-Dusty Findley

## Award Criteria

There are 12 producer awards. Awards are given in each of 3 cotton acreage categories within 4 regions of the state. The gin for each producer will also receive an award. The producer winner will be the nominee with the highest average Loan Value per pound of lint.



Awards will be presented for:  
Category 1—Less Than 500 acres  
Category 2—500 to 1,000 acres  
Category 3—Over 1,000 acres

## Nominations

County Extension Agents will contact gins within the county and encourage participation. The nomination form is also available on-line at:

[www.ugacotton.com](http://www.ugacotton.com)

A gin may nominate only 1 producer in each of the 3 acreage categories.

- Nomination must be for all cotton produced by the farm operation—irrigated, non-irrigated, owned, and rented.

- Nomination must include cotton from all gins. If ginned at more than 1 gin, the Nominating Gin must be where the majority of the cotton is ginned.
- The County Extension Agent supporting the nomination must be from the county where the majority of the cotton is produced. Once the gin has identified its nominees, the agent should be notified and the agent complete the bottom portion of the nomination form and submit it.
- The nomination must include the completed nomination form and all Bale Analysis Summary reports from each gin.
- To be considered, the nomination must have a total Loan Value above Base grade.

Nominations must be submitted not later than January 19, 2016 to:

Don Shurley  
University of Georgia- Tifton Campus  
2360 Rainwater Road  
Tifton, GA 31793-5766  
Email: [donshur@uga.edu](mailto:donshur@uga.edu)  
Fax: 229-386-3440

## Presentation of Award

Producer winners will receive a plaque and \$500 cash award and the gin will receive a plaque. Producers, gins, and County Agents will be recognized during the Georgia Cotton Commission Annual Meeting lunch on January 27, 2016 at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center.

## For More Information

For more information about the Georgia Quality Cotton Awards, contact your local UGA Cooperative Extension office.

## 2015 Georgia Quality Cotton Award Nomination Form

<b>Farmer Name</b> _____	<b>Address</b> _____ _____
<b>Telephone</b> _____	<b>FAX</b> _____ <b>Email</b> _____
<p><i>I certify that the information provided in this Nomination is accurate and I grant permission to verify this information with USDA/FSA if needed. I further verify that the information provided includes all cotton produced by this operation and ginned for this operation. Information compiled for the Georgia Quality Cotton Awards may be used for education and Extension purposes and I agree to allow this use of the information provided that confidentiality is maintained. I agree to supply additional information if needed to support the nomination.</i></p>	
<b>Farmers Signature</b> _____	<b>Date</b> _____

<b>Nominating Gin</b> _____	<b>Address</b> _____ _____
<b>Telephone</b> _____	<b>FAX</b> _____ <b>Email</b> _____
<p><i>I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this nomination includes all ginning and classing data for this producer from this gin. Please include Bale Analysis Summary reports from all gins for all cotton produced by the nominee.</i></p>	
<b>Ginners Signature</b> _____	<b>Date</b> _____

**Irrigated Acres**

Variety*	Irrigated Acres	Irrigated Yield	1st Planting Date	First Defoliation Date	Begin Harvest Date	End Harvest Date

**Non-Irrigated Acres**

Variety*	Non-Irrigated Acres	Non-Irrigated Yield	1st Planting Date	First Defoliation Date	Begin Harvest Date	End Harvest Date

\* Please include technology designation for each variety (B2RF, WRF, GLB2, LLB2, etc.)

<p><i>I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided for this nomination is accurate and represents all cotton produced by the nominee.</i></p>	
<b>County Extension Agent Signature</b> _____	<b>Date</b> _____