

# 2017 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 demand for cotton is improving and US market share is increasing. The quality of Georgia cotton is increasingly important to the US cotton industry. Both fiber quality and yield are important economic factors for profitability. Fiber quality premiums have been strong. The Georgia Quality Cotton Awards began in 2005. The main purpose of these awards is to recognize producers and ginners of high quality fiber. The Award is administered by The University of Georgia Cotton Team and is co-sponsored by Bayer CropScience and the Georgia Cotton Commission.

## Objectives

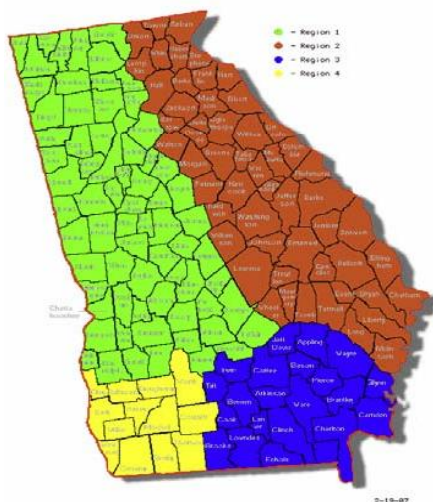
- Recognize the farmers and gins producing the highest quality cotton in Georgia.
- Identify management practices associated with production of high-quality fiber.
- Publicize and promote the quality of Georgia cotton.

## Advisory Committee

- UGA Cotton Team  
-Don Shurley
- Georgia Cotton Commission  
-Richey Seaton  
-Taylor Sills
- Bayer CropScience  
-Scott Asher  
-Rachel Walters
- 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)

Gin may nominate 1 producer in each acreage category—but more than 1 if that producer is from another region.

- The nomination must be for all cotton produced by the farm operation—irrigated, nonirrigated, 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, that 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 of 41-4/34.

Nominations must be submitted not later than January 24, 2018 to:

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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 31, 2018 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.