

CONTAMINATION FREE COTTON - KEEP IT CLEAN AND PURE

Guidelines for Cotton Gins

• Pre harvest:

- Inspect premises for foreign materials and remove any.
- Clean areas in and around module feeders of all debris from the previous ginning season and off season repairs.
- Renovate module storage yards as needed to make sure they are not inadvertent sources of potential contaminants.
- Train gin crews on safe techniques for removing and inspecting module covers and wraps.
- Double check hydraulic equipment --with a special emphasis on hydraulic hoses, connections, couplings and pumps— looking for leaks that might contaminate lint.

• Harvest

- Monitor module moving equipment to make sure floors, chains or other attachments do not cause seed cotton contamination or damage module covers and wraps.
- Monitor module storage yards to make sure windblown debris is not picked up with modules.
- Make sure module covers and wraps are completely removed prior to ginning.
- Frequently inspect the area in and around the module feeder for foreign matter.
- To safeguard workers when removing potential contaminants from machinery, be prepared to shut down a piece of equipment, or the gin, until the job is complete.
- Avoid using machinery that may result in the reintroduction of non-cotton foreign materials back into the lint stream
- Make sure all crew members understand that seed cotton and lint streams are not refuse receptacles.
- Make sure gin employees understand the importance of watching for and reporting foreign materials in seed cotton and lint to their supervisor.