

CONTAMINATION FREE COTTON - KEEP IT CLEAN AND PURE

Guidelines for Cotton Growers

• Pre harvest:

- Create a suitable foreign materials watch list:
 - ✓ Plastics (i.e. mulches, poly irrigation ditch liners and pipe;
 - ✓ Roadside debris i.e. shopping bags, articles of clothing or other fabrics);
 - ✓ Grease or oily residues
 - ✓ Other (i.e. accumulated leaf, sand/dust, spindle twist, etc.)
- Inspect fields for materials that could be picked up by harvesting equipment and remove them.
- Thoroughly clean and, if necessary, power wash harvest equipment.

• Harvest

- Custom harvest crews and other field workers must understand the consequences of allowing harvesting equipment to pick up foreign material (see foreign materials watch list above).
- Inspect harvesting equipment daily to ensure that the equipment is not an inadvertent source of foreign material (i.e. are there hydraulic leaks or grease in areas that come in contact with seed cotton, did inspections reveal foreign materials on picker spindles or stripper rollers, etc.).
- Do not allow modules to be built or dropped at locations where potential contaminants will be picked up with the modules.
- Do not drop or build modules in standing or shredded stalks.
- Use a method to identify modules that do not require the marking of seed cotton.