

CONTAMINATION FREE COTTON - KEEP IT CLEAN AND PURE

Guidelines for Cotton Warehouses

- **Pre harvest:**

- Make sure all storage buildings, sheds and compartments that are used to store or work cotton bales are clean and free of foreign materials i.e. grease, oil, grime, etc.
- Make sure the hydraulic systems on lift trucks and other equipment are in proper working order (no leaky hoses, fittings, etc.)

- **Harvest**

- Inspect bales on arrival and let gins know when questionable foreign materials are found in or on bales.
- Use unloading, moving, stacking and loading techniques that do not result in damage to bale packaging materials or lint.
- Maintain a facility that is clean and use equipment that is maintained in a manner that ensures bales leave the facility in acceptable condition.
- Refer to “A Guide for Cotton Bale Standards” for additional information concerning generally acceptable bale conditions.

