

CONTAMINATION PREVENTION UPDATE CONSULTANTS SESSION

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Abstract

Cotton contamination is persistent a problem that results in economic losses starting at mill opening rooms and ending at the retail counter. The types of non-lint material found in raw cotton take many forms. Some recent additions to the list of contaminants found in raw cotton are agricultural mulches and module wraps. Consultants need to be aware that their cotton clients' bales are closely scrutinized at modern spinning mills and some of those mills use cutting edge contamination detection equipment to protect their downstream customers. Heavy contamination discounts mean that these mills are looking closely at their raw cotton sources and do not hesitate to change their historical buying patterns if they believe cotton from traditional sources is likely to be contaminated. Those are some of the reasons the National Cotton Council believes that it is important to keep cotton consultants and others informed about the consequences of lint contamination and to solicit their assistance in getting the contamination prevention message in front of U.S. cotton growers. Beltwide attendees are encouraged to view and listen to this recorded presentation on the Confex Podium web site. Other contamination prevention resources can be downloaded from the National Cotton Council's Quality Preservation web page (URL: <http://www.cotton.org/tech/quality/index.cfm>).