



## The Cotton Foundation 2010-2011

The Cotton Foundation was created in 1955 as a 501(c)3 organization to give U.S. cotton's agribusiness allies opportunities to support the U.S. cotton industry over and above the products and services these firms provide. Membership includes banks, seed companies, chemical and equipment manufacturers, publishers and others whose success depends at least in part on U.S. cotton and who share a common concern for a healthy U.S. cotton industry.

Agribusiness members' dues support general research and education projects while some members' grants over and above their dues fund special projects. The combination of these general and special projects enables the Foundation to more effectively carry out its overall mission of strengthening U.S. cotton's position in the highly competitive fiber market. In fact, these general and special projects are chosen specifically to help the Foundation achieve its mission through the achievement of the following major goals:

- support present Foundation leadership and member education programs;
- provide educational programs that improve safety, productivity and environmental stewardship of the industry work force;
- identify short and longer term issues facing the cotton industry and then develop and implement projects to address issues or needs;
- develop and provide funding for programs to help influence industry and government research;
- identify long-term, industrywide strategic issues that will affect the cotton industry; and
- identify and assess in a timely manner the impact of proposed regulations.



**Plants were cut off at the ground and placed into alcohol jars for thrips sampling as part of a Cotton Foundation project, "Evaluation of Foliar Insecticide Applications Following Preventative Insecticide for Control of Thrips." Pest management is one of many categories of research and education work supported by the Foundation.**

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# Project Support

The U.S. cotton industry is enjoying a healthy return on investment from Foundation member support of general projects and special projects. National Cotton Council staff estimates that taking into account cash and in-kind services, the Foundation's general projects, for example, enjoy a return of about \$3 for every dollar devoted to these projects. By supporting these projects, the Foundation is truly fostering innovative: **1) research** to find solutions to cotton problems; **2) technology** to implement those solutions; **3) education** to speed new research application and **4) communication** to spread information throughout cotton's production and marketing chain.

## General Projects 2010-2011

- **National Cotton Council Website**
- **Cotton's Pest Loss Survey**
- ***Journal of Cotton Science***
- **China Cotton Leadership Exchange**
- **National Cotton Council Orientation for New Members**
- **Cottonseed Focus Group Research and Priorities Meeting**
- **Addressing PM Emission Issues that are Currently Facing U.S. Cotton Gins (Renewal)**
- **Pink Bollworm Eradication Technical Support, Systems**
- **Evaluation of Foliar Insecticide Applications Following Preventative Insecticide Applications For Control Of Thrips**
- **EPA Residual Risk and Technology Reviews (RTR) for the "Vegetable Oil Production" Source Category (MACT Standards Review)**
- **Information and Research on Potential Consumer, Environmental and Workplace Risks**
- **Evaluation of Glufosinate Tolerance in Multiple Widestrike™ Cotton Varieties Compared to Liberty Link™ Varieties**
- **Evaluation of Ignite Based Systems in Controlling Glyphosate Resistant Palmer Amaranth in Cotton**
- **Molecular Monitoring of Bt Resistance to Support Pink Bollworm Eradication**
- **Effects of Long Term Module Storage on Cotton Fiber Quality**
- **Influence of Various Host Plants on the Reproduction of Verticillium Dahliae**

### Research Screening Committee\*

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\*Each year, the Foundation's Research Screening Committee reviews and prioritizes general project proposals before submitting their recommended project list for approval by the Foundation's trustees at the Foundation annual meeting.

## Special Projects 2010-2011

### Vision 21

Monsanto, Deere & Company

### Producer Information Exchange (P.I.E.)

Bayer CropScience

### Congressional Staff Education/Orientation Program

Monsanto

### Multi-Commodity Education Program

Deere & Company, Monsanto

### Policy Education Program

Syngenta Crop Protection

### Cotton Nematode Research and Education Program

Bayer CropScience

### Cotton Seedling Disease Research and Education Program

Bayer CropScience

### Weed Resistance Learning Module

Dow AgroSciences, Monsanto, Syngenta

### Advancing Cotton Education (ACE)

Bayer CropScience

### Field to Market

National Cotton Council

### Educational Outreach – EPA Plant Bug Tour in Mid-South

Dow AgroSciences, Bayer CropScience, Monsanto

## Ongoing Special Project Contributions

Several Foundation members support the NCC-coordinated Beltwide Cotton Conferences -- helping the NCC produce a high quality conference with modest attendee registration fees. Among support given is for the forum's registration, wireless Internet connectivity, Internet Quickstop kiosks; the Confex Podium system, and the newsroom.

Some special projects are still assisting the U.S. cotton industry even though the projects' annual grants have ceased. The Foundation continues to distribute volumes in its Cotton Reference Book Series, which can be ordered online. The series includes *Weeds of Cotton*, *Cotton Harvest Management*, *Cotton Insects and Mites*, *Vegetable Oil and Agrichemicals*, and *Boll Weevil Eradication in the United States Through 1999*. The Cotton Foundation series reference books can be purchased from the Foundation by visiting <http://www.cotton.org/cf/reference-books.cfm>.

Some other efforts helpful to cotton's overall research and education effort include the ginning lab fiber analysis and the periodic development and distribution of various NCC-produced educational videotapes. The Gin Lab Symposium, sponsored by Delta and Pine Land, Syngenta, and Bayer CropScience, aids in familiarizing extension specialists with post harvest processes of ginning and textiles to improve appreciation of end user needs.



The Multi-Commodity Exchange Program allows exchanges between commodity producers in the Sunbelt and the Midwest/Far West regions in order to strengthen communications between farmers regardless of their crop mix or their operation's location.

## Awards and Endowments 2010-2011

### High Cotton Awards

Farm Press Publications

### Robert and Lois Coker Trustees Chair in Molecular Genetics

Endowment: \$1,000,000

### The C. Everette Salyer Fellowship in Cotton Research

Endowment: \$300,000

### Cottonseed Oil Clinic

Endowment: \$60,000



Recipients of the 2011 Farm Press/Cotton Foundation High Cotton Awards were honored at the 2011 Beltwide Cotton Conferences in Atlanta. From left are Ronnie Lee, Bronwood, Ga., Ray Makamson, Itta Bena, Miss., Eric Seidenberger, Garden City, Texas, and Bruce Heiden, Buckeye, Ariz.

## Members 2010-2011

The Cotton Foundation's contributions to cotton research and education are possible because of its faithful members. As of June 30, 2011, the end of the 2010-11 Foundation fiscal year, there were 61 Foundation members. Their voluntary membership dues enabled the Foundation to direct \$278,800 in support of 16 general research and education projects.

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| Ag Leader Technology, Inc.                        | Lindsay Mfg. Co.                                    |
| AGCO (Ag-Chem Equipment)                          | Lummus Corporation                                  |
| Ag Technix  | Makhteshim Agan of North America                    |
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| Dupont Crop Protection                            | Signode Corporation                                 |
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| InTime, Inc.                                      | Valent USA  |
| John Deere  | Wilbur Ellis Company                                |
| KBH Corporation                                   | Winfield Solutions (Croplan Genetics; Land O Lakes) |
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