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Mr. David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Room 5336 South Building  
1400 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-2024

Subject: Cotton Ginning Survey – Docket Number 0535-0220

Dear Mr. Hancock:

The National Cotton Ginners' Association (NCGA) is pleased to submit comments regarding the continuation of the Cotton Ginning Survey. The National Cotton Ginners' Association is the national organization representing eight state and regional cotton ginning associations that, in turn, represent some 680 individual cotton gin operations throughout the cotton-producing states.

The NCGA supports the continuation of the Cotton Ginning Survey that includes the metrics described in the Federal Register notice. The NASS reports are used by our industry as a means to monitor crop progress and gauge production and ginning trends. Our industry relies heavily on the NASS data when developing reports.

We also commend NASS for its efficiency in managing their operation and in consulting with stakeholders. It is our hope that NASS will continue to gather and report the Cotton Ginning Survey and will communicate directly with the ginning industry on pertinent matters.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

Richard Kelley  
NCGA President