

THE TEXAS COTTON INDUSTRY BRINGS YOU:



2021 COTTON DAY



at the Texas State Capitol

Cotton is the driving-force of the food & fiber sector of the Texas economy, and is a product people come into contact with daily. Cotton Day at the Capitol celebrates all the uses of cotton, while giving industry professionals the opportunity to tell their commodity's story.



NUMBER 1

cash commodity crop
grown in Texas

5.91 MILLION bales

produced annually in Texas
since 2008 on 5.92 million
planted acres.

Texas produced a record
crop in 2017 of

9.29 MILLION bales



Texas is the
largest cotton producing state,
accounting for roughly

44% TOTAL
of the **U.S.**
CROP

and today we account for over

55% of the
U.S. PLANTED
ACREAGE



Cotton is a natural fiber and is



SUSTAINABLE

for our future needs to
produce textile and food
products for consumers.

Cotton generates

\$1.6 BILLION

for farmers, with a state-wide
economic impact of

\$5.2 BILLION

Grown on over five million acres in six different regions, each with different
production systems and variations in climate, soil type, rainfall and irrigation, and
harvesting techniques.



DID YOU SAY "BOLL WEEVILS"?

Established in **1993** the **Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program** is a program **funded** by cotton farmers, in partnership with state and federal cost-share dollars, to **eliminate** cotton's most damaging pest.



This insect has been **eliminated** from **15** of the **16** eradication zones statewide, **dramatically reducing pesticide use** and helping to **sustain** Texas' environment.



The total increase in net returns was an estimated **\$312 million** in 2019.



Since 1996, the **cumulative** increase in net returns is **\$4.7 billion**

Acreage in the program has **increased** from **1.4 million** in 1996 to **7 million** in 2020.



12% of Texas cotton acreage is planted with **Bt cotton**. Bt cotton is genetically altered to **naturally control** the bollworm as the insect feeds on the plant.



The only remaining boll weevils in Texas and the entire U.S. are in the **Lower Rio Grande Valley**. All program funding goes to **protecting this region** and the state from weevils migrating from Mexico.



For more information on this program and the economic benefits to producers, please visit: www.txbollweevil.org

ONE 500 LB. BALE OF COTTON CAN MAKE...

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| 215 Jeans  | 249 Bed Sheets  | 409 Men's Sports Shirts  | 690 Terry Bath Towels  | 765 Men's Dress Shirts  |
| | 1,217 Men's T-Shirts  | | 2,104 Boxer Shorts  | |
| 2,419 Men's Briefs  | 3,085 Diapers  | 4,321 Mid-Calf Socks  | 1,256 Pillowcases  | 6,436 Women's Knit Briefs  |
| | 313,600 \$100 Bills  | | | 21,960 Women's Handkerchiefs  |