

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



Cotton is a natural fiber and is

SUSTAINABLE



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

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.



Texas is the
largest cotton producing state,
accounting for roughly

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

and today we account for over

**55% of the
U.S. PLANTED
ACREAGE**



Cotton generates

\$1.6 BILLION

for farmers, with a state-wide
economic impact of

\$5.2 BILLION



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.



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.





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.



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...

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	1,256 Pillowcases	4,321 Mid-Calf Socks	6,436 Women's Knit Briefs
				
2,419 Men's Briefs	3,085 Diapers	313,600 \$100 Bills	4,321 Mid-Calf Socks	21,960 Women's Handkerchiefs
				