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National Agricultural Statistics Service



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Dear Cotton Ginner:

Beginning in August 2013, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin collecting cotton gin data periodically throughout the ginning season. For your convenience, you have the following options to respond:

- **Online** at www.agcounts.usda.gov. This method is fast, easy and secure. You will need your unique 17-digit survey code from the front page of the questionnaire to begin. The online response instructions will be in enclosed in the first questionnaire mailing.
- **By mail or fax**. Complete the survey questionnaire and mail it back in the return envelope that will be provided or fax it.

Once you provide your responses, NASS will combine them with those of your fellow ginner nationwide and publish the results in *Cotton Ginnings* reports to be released every two weeks during the survey season. A copy of the *Cotton Ginnings 2012 Summary* report is available by request on the enclosed "Ginnings Record Book Order" form. All NASS reports are available online free of charge at www.nass.usda.gov.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential, as required by Federal law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

We are once again offering you free copies of the Cotton Ginnings Record Book. If you would like a copy, please let us know how many you need on the enclosed "Ginnings Record Book Order" form and return the order form in the enclosed envelope. If you do not want copies of the record book or summary report, there is no need to return the order form.

Thank you once again for participating and for your support of our programs and U.S. agriculture.

Sincerely,

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- YES** - Please provide me with a copy of the *Cotton Ginnings 2012 Summary*.

Please enter the address where you would like the books sent:

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