

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE

VIRGINIA COTTON BOARD

FY 2019-20

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I. NARRATIVE

The Virginia Cotton Board, VCB, was established in September 1997, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, following a favorable vote of Virginia cotton producers from a referendum. The mission of this Board is to manage funds collected from grower assessments for the purpose of conducting programs in research, education, and promotion of the growth and use of cotton. Funds to support the programs of this Board come from an assessment paid by cotton producers and collected from the first handler, which in Virginia is the cotton gin, at the rate of 95 cents per bale of cotton ginned in Virginia.

The Board is composed of eight members appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall be a resident of and producer of cotton in Virginia. The Governor is guided in his appointments from nominations made by the Virginia Cotton Growers Association and the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

A very good cotton crop was produced in Virginia for the 2019 season. There were 100,543 acres of cotton harvested in Virginia with 229,664 bales ginned in the state, for an average yield of 1096 lbs/acre. A bale of cotton weighs 480 pounds. The 2019 crop yield was up 177 lbs/acre from the previous year. It is important to remember that some cotton grown in Virginia is ginned in North Carolina and cotton gins in Virginia likewise gin cotton grown in North Carolina. The yield and assessment is based on cotton "ginned" in Virginia.

For the 2019-2020 year, cotton bale assessment collections were **\$218,257.13**, \$218,184.60 of this was the per bale assessment and \$72.53 was penalties, according to the Virginia Department of Taxation and VCB records. The Board funded five research, educational, and marketing projects for a total of \$41,252.00 and supported the National Cotton Council, Inc. and Southern Cotton Growers, Inc. at 100% for \$149,282.25*. At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2020, the Board had a cash balance of \$259,051.88 including a reserve of \$10,000, with outstanding financial commitments of \$203,784.25. These commitments are outstanding obligations for research, education, marketing projects, board expenses and travel, with the unobligated balance being \$45,267.63.

* NCC & SCG payment were not made until 7/20 and will be reflected on the 20-21 FY.

Jon L. Black
Chairman
Virginia Cotton Board

II. BUDGET & FINANCES

1. Cash Balance: June 30, 2019		\$94,920.87
2. Assessment Receipts: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020	+	218,257.13
3. Other Receipts: July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020	+	3,122.30
4. Total Balance and Receipts	=	316,300.30
5. Actual Expenditures	-	57,248.42
6. Cash Balance: June 30, 2020	=	259,051.88
7. Cash Reserve:	-	10,000.00
8. Ending Balance	=	\$249,051.88

III. PROJECTS AND FUNDING

Project Title	Funding Amount
1. National Cotton Council	126,315.75
2. Southern Cotton Growers, Inc.	22,966.50
3. Ag in the Classroom, VFB, Cotton Educational Materials	5,900.00
4. Insect Pest Management for Virginia Cotton	20,000.00
5. Nutrient Management in Virginia's Cotton Production	11,052.00
6. Women's Cotton Program	4,500.00
7. VCGA NCC & SCG Delegates travel expenses	5,300.00
8. VCB Members travel expenses	1,000.00
9. Program Director Travel Expenses	5,000.00
10. Admin Costs for Board	1,000.00
11. VDACS Admin Costs	750.00
TOTAL	\$203,784.25

VIRGINIA COTTON BOARD
FINANCIAL STATEMENT July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

REVENUE

Balance June 30, 2019	\$94,920.87
Cotton Tax Assessment	\$218,184.60
Additional Revenue (interest)	\$3,122.30
Additional Revenue (penalty)	\$72.53

Total Balance & Receipts **\$316,300.30**

Reserve Fund (\$10,000 Classified)* **\$10,000.00** **\$306,300.30**

EXPENSES

Administrative

1. Travel (Board Members)	\$536.47
2. Food (meetings)	\$214.28
3. VDACS Admin Fee/Finance Office	\$819.70
4. Postage	\$19.20
5. Supplies	\$0.00

Total Administrative Expenses **\$1,589.65**

Paid on Approved Projects

1. Best Mgt of Tarnished Plant Bug (Taylor)	\$14,987.83
2. Nutrient Mgt in VA Cotton Production Systems (Frame)	\$13,004.93
3. Nematode Mgt in VA Cotton (Mehl)	\$10,000.00
4. Marketing Class	\$2,714.11
5. Women's Cotton Meeting	\$450.00
6. Ag in the Classroom	\$5,560.00
7. VT Invoice	\$4,151.98
8. Southern Cotton Growers	\$570.00
9. Travel Program Director	\$4,219.92

**TOTAL PAID ON APPROVED
PROJECTS**

\$55,658.77

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$57,248.42

CASH BALANCE

\$249,051.88

V. FY 2019-2020 BOARD MEETINGS & ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Date	Time	Location
August 2, 2019	8:30 AM	Tidewater AREC, Suffolk
February 25, 2020	9:30 AM	Tidewater AREC, Suffolk

Members	Attendance August 2	Attendance February 25
Jon L. Black	YES	YES
Philip Edwards	YES	YES
Lewis Everett	YES	YES
James S. Ferguson	YES	NO
Cliff Fox	NO	YES
Chris Parker	YES	YES
Paul Rogers, III	NO	YES
Monte Walden	YES	YES

VI. SUMMARY

The 2019-2020 cotton crop in Virginia was a very good yielding year. Weather conditions were favorable. The yield averaged 1096 pounds of lint per acre. The quality of Virginia cotton is above average, creating a demand for Virginia cotton. Virginia ginned a record number of bales, totaling 229,664.