



### **Description of the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations (CCGGA)**

The California Cotton Ginners Association and the California Cotton Growers Association are two separate non-profit trade associations to represent cotton gins and cotton growers on regulatory and legislative issues. While both associations are voluntary dues based organizations, they currently enjoy representing 100% of the cotton gins and cotton growers in California from the Imperial and Palo Verde Valleys to the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys. The Associations share staff between these organizations and the Western Agricultural Processors Association, including the President/CEO, Vice President, Director of Technical Services, Director of Regulatory Affairs, and Secretary/Receptionist. Each Association has a separate Board of Directors, with its own individual budgets for specific purposes. However, the three organizations operate primarily under a joint shared budget for day to day operations. The Associations utilize the lobbying firm of Kahn, Soares & Conway in Sacramento for lobbying purposes in Sacramento.

The California Cotton Growers Association was formed in 1990, resulting from a change in focus of the original Western Cotton Growers Association which was formed in 1949. The Board of Directors of the California Cotton Growers Association consists of 21 elected members representing various cotton growing counties throughout the state. There is also an Honorary Director position, whereby the Immediate Past Chairman is allowed to serve for up to six years following their 2 years of service as Chairman. This provides for 22 voting members of the Board of Directors. Beyond that past Chairman serve as Honorary Advisors to the Board. The Growers' Board also includes seven (7) Advisors from various allied industry groups and organizations that serve in non-voting advisory capacities to the board.

The California Cotton Ginners Association was formed in 1972 and has a Board of Directors consisting of 15 directors providing a geographic balance of independent and cooperative cotton ginners from throughout the state. The Ginners' Board also consists of four (4) Advisors from various allied industry groups and organizations that serve in non-voting advisory capacities to the board. Currently, there are 23 cotton ginning organizations in California operating 34 cotton gins.

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