

AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
VIRGINIA COTTON BOARD
FY 2020-21

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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.

Due to weather conditions, the 2020 crop was not as good as most years. There were 77,974 acres of cotton harvested in Virginia with 120,101 bales ginned in the state, for an average yield of 739 lbs/acre. A bale of cotton weighs 480 pounds. The 2020 crop yield was down 357 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 2020-2021 year, cotton bale assessment collections were **\$114,095.95** of this was the per bale assessment and \$1,021.12 was interest, according to the Virginia Department of Taxation and VCB records. The Board funded four research, educational, and marketing projects for a total of \$45,955.00 and supported the National Cotton Council, Inc. and Southern Cotton Growers, Inc. at 100% for \$227,347.90. At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2021, the Board had a cash balance of \$109,649.86 including a reserve of \$10,000, with outstanding financial commitments of \$60,855.00. These commitments are outstanding obligations for research, education, marketing projects, board expenses and travel, with the unobligated balance being \$38,794.86.

* reflects 20-21 and 19-20 NCC & SCG payments. 19-20 were made in 7/20.

Clayton B. Lowe
Chairman
Virginia Cotton Board

II. BUDGET & FINANCES

1. Cash Balance: June 30, 2020		\$259,051.88
2. Assessment Receipts: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021	+	114,095.95
3. Other Receipts: July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021	+	1,021.12
4. Total Balance and Receipts	=	374,168.95
5. Actual Expenditures	-	264,519.09
6. Cash Balance: June 30, 2021	=	109,649.86
7. Cash Reserve:	-	10,000.00
8. Ending Balance	=	\$99,649.86

III. PROJECTS AND FUNDING

Project Title	Funding Amount
1. National Cotton Council	55,859.10
2. Southern Cotton Growers, Inc.	10,156.20
3. Ag in the Classroom, VFB, Cotton Educational Materials	5,000.00
4. Pest surveys & Insecticide Evaluations for Virginia Cotton	15,000.00
5. Nutrient Management in Virginia's Cotton Production	11,508.00
6. Diagnostic Services & Characterization of Nematode Population	14,447.00
7. VCGA NCC & SCG Delegates travel expenses	2,500.00
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	850.00
12. Women's Cotton Event	4,550.00
TOTAL	\$126,870.30

VIRGINIA COTTON BOARD
FINANCIAL STATEMENT July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

REVENUE

Balance June 30, 2020	\$259,051.88
Cotton Tax Assessment	\$114,095.95
Additional Revenue (interest)	\$1,021.12
Additional Revenue (penalty)	\$0.00

Total Balance & Receipts	\$374,168.95
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Reserve Fund (\$10,000 Classified)*	\$10,000.00	\$364,168.95
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EXPENSES

Administrative

1. Travel (Board Members)	\$0.00
2. Food (meetings)	\$0.00
3. VDACS Admin Fee/Finance Office	\$386.83
4. Postage	\$22.20
5. Supplies	\$0.00

Total Administrative Expenses	\$409.03
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Paid on Approved Projects

1. Best Mgt of Tarnished Plant Bug (Taylor)	\$17,103.16
2. Nutrient Mgt in VA Cotton Production Systems (Frame)	\$10,959.00
3. National Cotton Council(19-20,20-21)	\$192,371.30
4. Southern Cotton Growers(19-20,20-21)	\$34,976.60
5. Ag in the Classroom	\$5,900.00
6. VCGA (19-20)	\$2,800.00
7. Women's Cotton Meeting	\$0.00
8. Travel Program Director	\$0.00

**TOTAL PAID ON APPROVED
PROJECTS**

\$264,110.06

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$264,519.09

CASH BALANCE

\$99,649.86

V. FY 2020-2021 BOARD MEETING & ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Date	Time	Location
February 16, 2021	9:00 AM	Virtual via WebEx

Members	Attendance August 2
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Joseph H. Barlow, III	YES
Philip F. Edwards, III	YES
M. Lewis Everett, III	YES
James S. Ferguson, Sr.	YES
Clifford S. Fox, Sr.	YES
Clayton B. Lowe	YES
Christopher T. Parker	YES
Monte K. Walden, Sr.	NO

VI. SUMMARY

The 2020-2021 cotton crop in Virginia was a below average. Weather conditions were not favorable. The yield averaged 739 pounds of lint per acre. Only one meeting was held do to covid and virtual via WebEx.