

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Cotton Program

National Database Application

Please complete this form to receive a UserID and Password required for accessing the Cotton Program's National Database.

Check the category that best describes your business:

Merchant Mill Coop Foreign Other (Specify) _____

Complete address for billing purposes (**PLEASE PRINT**):

Name of Firm: _____

Street Address: _____

2nd Line Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Taxpayer ID Number: _____

(Printed Name of Authorized Representative) (Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

Please select how you would like to receive your UserID and Password: Fax Mail

We currently have two versions of the software available. Please select the version(s) you want.

1. **Internet – No Charge** – The Internet version is available for download from an FTP server. Please contact the Cotton Program's IT Staff for downloading instructions. If you need access to classing data at all times, we recommend you purchase the Windows software as a backup access method. If you are only requesting Internet access, please fax completed form to (901) 384-3035.
2. **MR-Win6530 - \$40.00** - The program can be installed on Windows 95, 98, NT, 2000 and XP. This software requires a \$40.00 license fee. If you select MR-Win6530, please complete the Credit Card application or send a check, drawn on a **U.S. bank**, payable to the **U.S. Department of Agriculture**, to:

USDA AMS Cotton Program
Information Technology Staff
3275 Appling Road
Memphis, TN 38133

We will send the operating instructions and Windows software (if selected) via regular mail. If you prefer to receive the operating instructions and software overnight via FedEx at your expense, provide your FedEx account number below and the address if different from above:

National Database

The Cotton Program has established a National Database in Memphis, Tennessee for dissemination of classing data to owners/agents other than gins, such as merchants, textile mills, and marketing organizations. The system contains classing data for the current and previous crop years. Classing information from the current crop is available from the computer within 24 hours of the time of classification. The system is also capable of issuing printed Form-R Memoranda to firms requesting this service.

For security purposes, firms accessing the system must be assigned identification codes and passwords by the Cotton Program. They must certify, as part of the log-on procedure, that they are the owner or the authorized agent of the owner of all bales for which they are seeking classing data. Users must also furnish the five-digit gin code numbers and the gin bale numbers in order to receive data.

The system can be accessed via the Internet or modem-to-modem communication. Proprietary software must be installed before accessing the system by either communication method. Contact the Cotton Program's IT Staff in Memphis at (901) 384-3007 for instructions about downloading the Internet software or for answers to any technical questions.

The current cost for telecommunicated data from the National Database is five cents per bale. The cost for Form-R Classification Memoranda is fifteen cents per bale, with a minimum charge of five dollars (\$5.00) per page. A full page contains fifty (50) bales, or \$7.50 per page. Long distance telephone charges, if applicable, are paid by the caller. There is a one-time \$40.00 charge for the Windows modem program. The Internet software is available for free.

To receive data from the Cotton Program's National Database, complete the attached application and send it to the address shown on the form. The necessary software and operating instructions for accessing the system will be sent to you by return mail. You can indicate your FedEx account number on your application and the software will be shipped at your expense. If you only require the Internet software and a user id and password, you can request this user id and password to be faxed to your location for instant access.