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Chief Whitney Rick, Research & Promotion Staff, Cotton Program
Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA,
Stop 0224, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-0244

RE: Docket number (CN-01-002), March 26, 2001, page number 16440 and
16441 of the Federal Register, volume 66.

Dear Mr. Rick:

We at Cotton & Grain Producers of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Inc. strongly support the continuation of the Research and Promotion Program of Cotton Incorporated. Even as we face worldwide supplies of cotton that is keeping cotton prices depressed at this time, the consumption of cotton is at an all time high in the United States. More and more consumers recognize cotton as a quality renewable natural resource that provides comfort and value. Monies disbursed to the state, and the local levels by the State Support Programs help to fund valuable research further aiding our industry.

Research by Cotton Incorporated sponsored programs has led to constant new and growing uses for cotton and it's by products. Not only is cotton "The Fabric Of Our Lives", it is also becoming a product used in premature baby hospital diapers, providing comfort and warmth at a reasonable cost. Cotton Incorporated funded the required research for these non-woven diapers. New spinning system offer great promise for cotton, a leader today and tomorrow. Cotton is reliably marketed, sold, packaged, and processed with research funded by Cotton Incorporated.

Now is not the time to cut the Cotton Research and Promotion Program, it has proven its value in the past and continues to show great promise for the future.

Sincerely,


Sam Simmons
President

