

Weekly Cotton Quality Data File

The USDA AMS Cotton Program's weekly cotton quality data file contains classification information for all bales classed in a given week. The file contains data for Upland and Pima cotton. The identification includes the Cotton Program's Classing Office number or the two digit State Code in which the bale was ginned, depending on the file accessed. The data does not contain individual bale identification (gin and bale number). This data can be used to produce statistical reports for various combinations of cotton quality information.

When you click on the link to download the file, a list of .exe files will appear. Right-click on the desired file and select "**Copy To Folder**" or "**Save As**". The downloaded file is a self-extracting Zip file. Once the file is downloaded, double-click on the .exe file and it will un-zip itself into your current directory. The files on the Ftp server are named **CYYMMDDO** for the Office file and **CYYMMDDS** for the State file. (e.g. C000928O is the Office file for the week ending September 28, 2000) The un-zipped file name for the State file will be **COTSTATE** and the file name for the Office file will be **COTOFF**.

Each file has the following characteristics:

First Record

Field Name	Length	Information
Beginning Date	8	Beginning Date (yyyymmdd format)
Ending Date	8	Ending Date (yyyymmdd format)

Example:

2000091520000921

September 15, 2000 through September 21, 2000.

All Other Records in File

Field Name	Length	Information
State or Office Code	2	COTSTATE State Code (TX for Texas) COTOFF Office Code (40 for Memphis)
Official Color Grade	2	
Leaf Grade	1	
Extraneous Matter	2	
Remarks	2	
Mike	2	
Strength	3	
HVI Color Code	2	
HVI Color Quad	1	
HVI Color RD	3	
HVI Color +b	3	
Trash % Surface	2	
Length 100ths	3	
Length Uniformity	3	

Example:

TN31200003528631277607703106789 Record in **COTSTATE** file.

4031200003528631277607703106789 Record in **COTOFF** file.

Classing Office Numbers:

Abilene	50	Lubbock	70
Birmingham	13	Macon	07
Corpus Christi	60	Memphis	40
Dumas	30	Phoenix	86
Florence	03	Rayville	28
Lamesa	72	Visalia	96