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Ms. Jean A. Webb, Secretary
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre 21st Street N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20581

COMMENT

Dear Ms. Webb,

Modern Ginning is a cotton gin located in Southern California servicing both California and Arizona cotton growers and ginned 90,000 bales this last season.

We are writing this letter on behalf of our cotton growers expressing our opposition to the proposed amendment concerning micronaire.

We strongly believe the amendment concerning micronaire discount for 4.8 and 4.9 would drastically harm the grower by reducing their income. Changing the premium micronaire from 4.9 to 4.7 would make it harder for our growers to achieve premium micronaire, leading to additional discounts. As it is now, we have trouble with high micronaire due to the Desert area we are located in. And not to mention the current cotton prices are at all time low. How are we to continue production when there is little incentive to continue growing cotton?

If something is not done to prevent 4.7 being high micronaire we will have such a low percentage (if any) of premium micronaire on our future crop. We hope that the proposed micronaire be stopped before any further financial burden be placed on the cotton grower.

We feel very strongly towards our viewpoints and would like to in advance thank you for you consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

John Colbert
Manager

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