



South Carolina
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION

Hugh E. Weathers, Commissioner

South Carolina Cotton Ginners Non-Purchaser Affidavit

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 46-41-60 (2022), you are hereby registering as a Non-Purchaser Cotton Gin that does not purchase cotton or any other agricultural commodity from the producers thereof.

If you qualify as a Non-Purchaser Cotton Gin, you will not be required to maintain a surety bond, Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 46-41-60(B) (2022) which allows the Commissioner at any time, if in his discretion to decrease the amount of the bond or equivalent security when a decrease in volume of products handled warrants such decrease in bond or equivalent security.

If you qualify as a Non-Purchaser Cotton Gin, you will still be required to collect the baled cotton assessments at time and place of ginning and remit such assessments to SC Department of Agriculture in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 46-41-220 (2022).

Please note, pursuant to Section 46-41-30 of the South Carolina Code of Laws It is unlawful for a dealer in agricultural products to engage in that business without a state license issued by the commissioner. This requirement applies to all dealers in agricultural products who are not exempted by Sections 46-41-20 and 46-41-25.

(1) A person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor for a first offense and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

(2) Conviction for a second or subsequent offense is a felony and the person must be imprisoned not more than five years and fined not more than five thousand dollars.

State of _____

Affidavit

County of _____

I, the undersigned, _____, being sworn, state that I am the _____,
(Title)

Of _____, whose address is _____
(Company) (Address)

(Address)

Do hereby affirm that I do not purchase any agricultural commodities and that the only transactions conducted with the producer is the ginning of producers' cotton for which a fee may be charged. I do not purchase cotton or any other agricultural commodities

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

(Signature) Sworn to me this _____ Day of _____, 20____

(Notary Public of South Carolina) (L.S)