

8. POLICY POSITION

Urging Examination of Cotton Imports into the United States Under the 1996 Farm Bill

BACKGROUND

Cotton has not been imported into the United States in any volume prior to enactment of the 1996 Farm Bill. However, since this Bill's ratification the United States has seen a 15 cent per pound decrease in cotton prices to the severe detriment of cotton growers throughout the southern states.

RECOMMENDATION

The Southern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments urges Congress to closely examine the 1996 Farm Bill as it relates to the importation of cotton into the United States.