

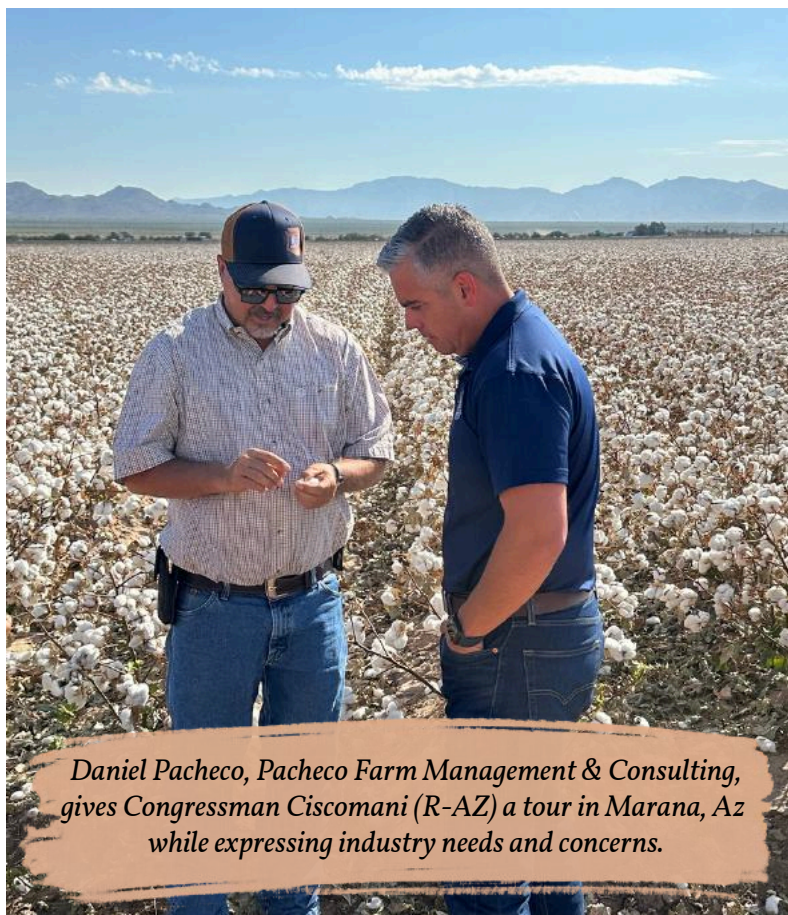


# ARIZONA COTTON GROWERS

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### DECEMBER 2024



*Daniel Pacheco, Pacheco Farm Management & Consulting, gives Congressman Ciscomani (R-AZ) a tour in Marana, Az while expressing industry needs and concerns.*

## UPCOMING DATES

DEC. 16 & 17: YUMA AREA LEGISLATIVE AG TOUR

DEC. 17: COTTON & COFFEE ZOOM-7:30AM CN-

DEC. 18: ACGA BOARD MEETING

DEC. 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

JAN. 1: NEW YEARS DAY

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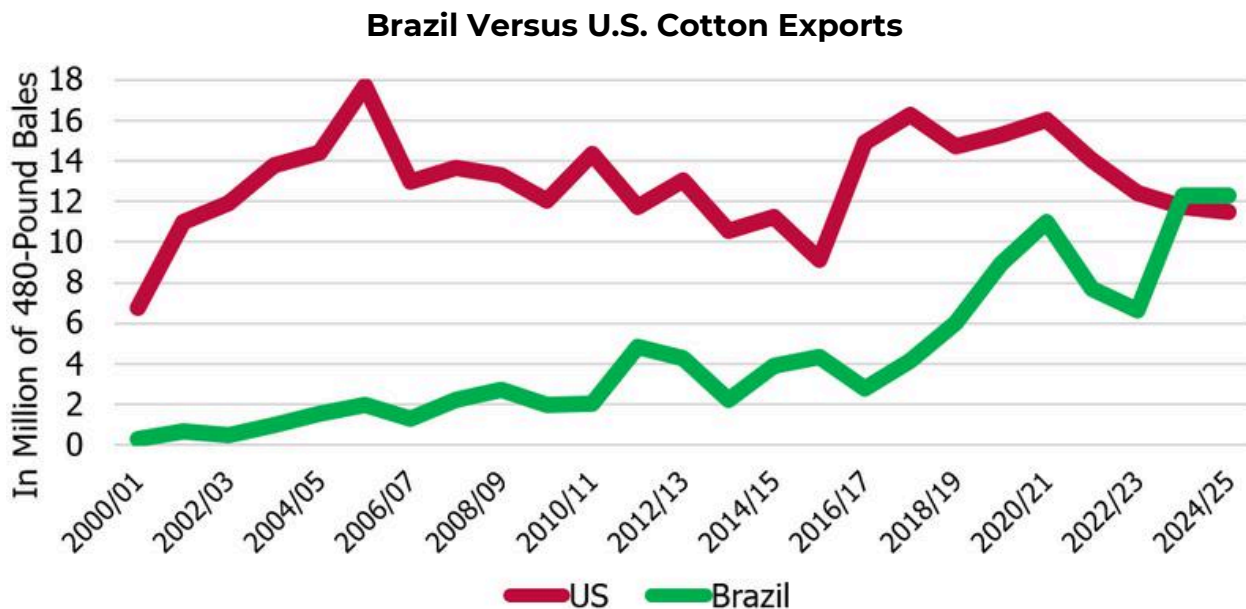
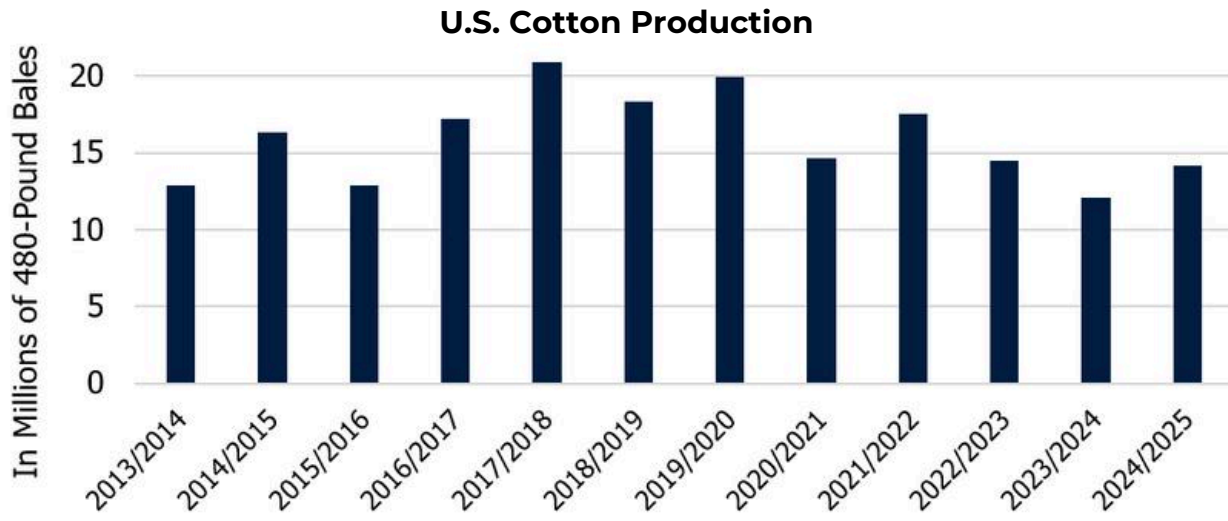
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## FROM DROUGHT TO DEMAND: ACSA'S PLAN TO ENHANCE U.S. COTTON EXPORTS

As we approach the close of a third consecutive short crop, the [American Cotton Shippers Association](#) (ACSA) is focused on a new strategy to restore production volumes and increase U.S. cotton's competitiveness in the global market. Drought in Texas and Hurricane Helene's devastating impacts have diminished this year's cotton supply, pushing U.S. cotton behind Brazil as the world's largest exporter. This reduction affects everyone in the industry—from growers to agri-businesses across the United States.



Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, as of October 30

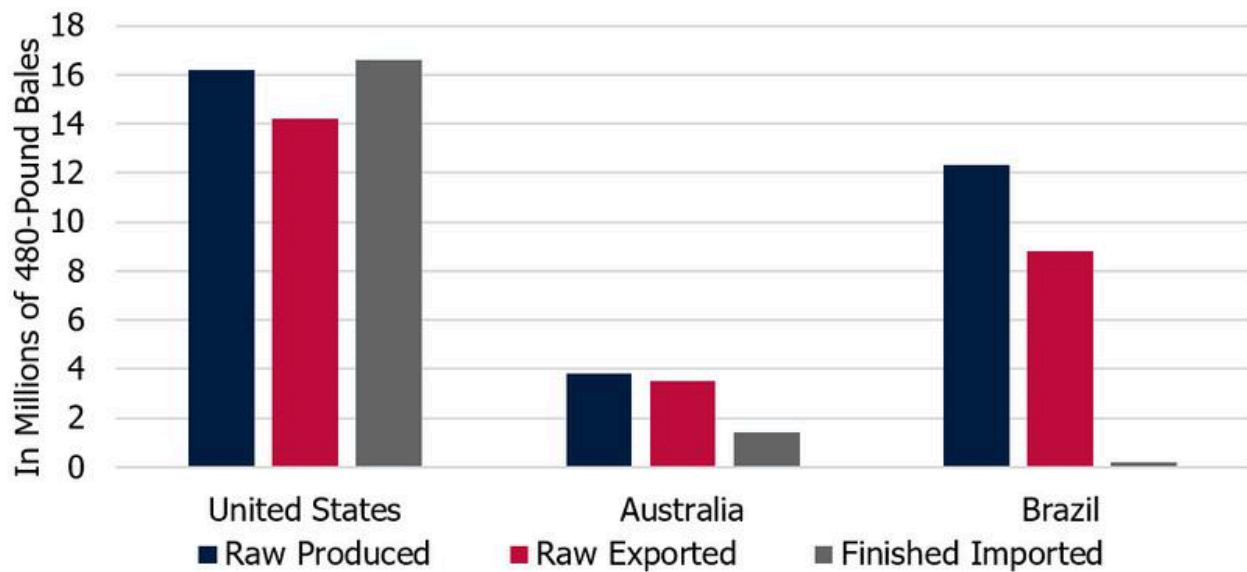
ACSA strongly supports the renewal of vital farm bill provisions, disaster assistance, and robust aid packages to address the immediate challenges facing growers. However, we believe long-term solutions lie in driving structural demand for U.S. cotton. The industry faces competition from both man-made fibers and foreign cotton growths that offer cheaper, faster delivery.



## FROM DROUGHT TO DEMAND: ACSA'S PLAN TO ENHANCE U.S. COTTON EXPORTS (CONT.)

To restore our competitive advantage, ACSA recognizes a significant opportunity to capitalize on the power of the United States' consumption of finished cotton goods through utilizing the U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol to highlight the sustainability and traceability of our cotton and establishing a financial incentive for its consumption compared to foreign growths. Whether motivated by national security or environmental concerns, this strategy appeals across the political spectrum. By promoting U.S. cotton's sustainability and traceability, we can unlock new markets, support our growers, and enhance the economic and environmental resilience of our nation.

**Cotton Exports and Return of Finished Textiles (Average 2019-2023)**



Sources: Country Customs Agencies, USDA-ERS Conversion Factors, and Cotton Inc.

As we work to modernize policy and practices, ACSA is committed to ensuring that when favorable environmental conditions return, we are prepared to meet demand and strengthen our industry's position globally. This new strategy to create specific demand for sustainable U.S. cotton is now a top priority.

## ADEQ BMP SURVEY- PINAL COUNTY PRODUCERS

Every three years since 2017, Pinal County producers must complete a survey collecting data on crop acreage, types, farm roads, non-cropland, and best management practices (BMPs). This information helps the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the EPA evaluate the BMP Program's impact on PM10 emissions in the West Pinal Nonattainment Area. Producers will soon receive the survey, which will be confidentially handled by the Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA) before being shared with ADEQ. For questions, contact Rusty Van Leuven at 602-361-4639 or [rvanleuven@azda.gov](mailto:rvanleuven@azda.gov).







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## ONGOING EFFORTS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR PRODUCERS

The National Cotton Council (NCC) continues to work to achieve economic assistance for cotton producers to combat the historic increase in production costs relative to low market prices as Congress has returned for their post-election session.

The Association has spent the Congressional recess prior to the November elections meeting with our delegation to build the momentum necessary to achieve economic assistance for cotton producers in the "lame duck Congress." NCC and ACGA are supporting Congressman Trent Kelly's (R-MS) the FARM Act that would provide per acre payments to producers based on a growers per acre planting for the 2024 crop year.

While many expect the 2024 Farm Bill to be extended for another year, it is anticipated that Congress will take up disaster assistance to address the droughts and hurricanes that negatively impacted agricultural production throughout the U.S. With disaster being addressed, we are hopeful that provisions of the FARM Act will also be included.

Many growers have suffered deep losses in 2023 and 2024, with USDA indicating losses of more than \$200 per acre, or \$1.8 billion in total. We will continue to work closely with Congress to urge final passage of economic assistance before the end of the year. Without new assistance, we are concerned that some producers will not be able to secure operating credit for the 2025 crop. We continue to encourage cotton growers to contact their members of Congress to support financial assistance for producers.



**Federal Outreach  
2024 Ciscomani Farm Tour**

*Jadee Rohner, John Boelts, Congressman Ciscomani (R-AZ), Daniel Pacheco, Marie Pacheco and Chad Smith.*

## STATEWIDE AGRONOMY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension has recently appointed Dr. Bhupinder Singh as the Agronomy Specialist. As part of this initiative, Dr. Singh has developed a [Statewide Agronomy Needs Assessment](#). Your participation in this assessment is crucial to assist the University of Arizona Agronomy Program in developing a comprehensive program that offers science-based, impartial, and timely solutions, addressing the agronomic concerns of our clients. The information gathered will enable the U of A Cooperative Extension Agronomy research and extension team to prioritize potential opportunities for applied research and education.

**This survey has only 8 questions, will take 3-5 minutes to complete, is anonymous and responses are confidential.**

If you have any questions about this survey, contact Dr. Bhupinder Singh at [bhupindersingh@arizona.edu](mailto:bhupindersingh@arizona.edu) or by phone at 520-621-2078. The University of Arizona Agronomy Team appreciates your participation in this survey.







## 2024 ARIZONA PARTICIPANTS TO COTTON INCORPORATED

We had great representation of Arizona growers and industry partners participate in our 2024 Cotton Incorporated tour program. In February, Dean and Polly Wells from Casa Grande attended the tour. In June, Diane Rovey from Buckeye, Kenna Elliot from Ehrenberg, and Morgan Klenke with the AZ Cotton Research and Protection Council in Phoenix joined us for our Women's Tour. Thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend our Cotton Incorporated Producer Tour. If you are interested in attending one of 2025 tours, I still have several spots open and would love to sign you up! Please reach out to me to get signed up.

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## CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT DEADLINE APPROACHING



Below is crucial information that could be relevant to your farming operation: The Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) is a federal regulation mandating certain businesses to disclose their ownership and control details to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). Enacted by Congress in January 2021 as part of the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020, the CTA applies to c-corporations, s-corporations, and limited liability companies (LLCs) that have fewer than 20 employees or generate less than \$5 million in cash receipts – a criterion that encompasses most farms. Noncompliance with the CTA can lead to severe consequences, including criminal fines of up to \$10,000 and civil penalties reaching \$591 for each day of non-filing. Businesses that neglect to file or fail to update their records may also face felony charges and could be sentenced to up to two years in prison.

It is advisable to consult with attorneys or accountants to assess whether your business is required to file and, if so, to determine the timeline for compliance with FinCEN's regulations. [For additional information click here.](#)

JUNE 2024 TOUR



FEBRUARY 2024 TOUR



**2025 Tour Dates: February 2-4, 2025 | March 16-18, 2025 | June 22-24, 2025 (Women's Tour)**