



# ARIZONA COTTON GROWERS

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### JANUARY 2025



## UPCOMING DATES

JAN. 13: AZ 57TH LEGISLATURE SESSION STARTS

JAN. 14-16: BELTWISE COTTON CONFERENCE ➡

JAN. 15: AZ LEGISLATIVE AG FEST

FEB. 1: AZ FFA FOUNDATION BLUE & GOLD GALA ➡

FEB. 2-4: COTTON INCORPORATED TOUR ➡

FEB. 13-15: NCC ANNUAL MEETING ➡

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## USDA APPOINTS MEMBERS AND ADVISORS TO THE COTTON BOARD

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has appointed new members and advisors to The Cotton Board for three-year terms starting January 1, 2025. This announcement includes seven members, seven alternates, and two advisors, as well as appointments to fill existing board vacancies.

Among the newly appointed alternates is producer **Daniel Pacheco** (Marana, AZ). The board also sees the reappointment of **Adam Hatley** (Mesa, AZ) and advisor **Damian Murrieta** (Stanfield, AZ). Cotton Board Chair Akiko Inui expressed her enthusiasm for the new appointees and highlighted the board's robust orientation program designed to prepare them for their roles. "I look forward to meeting the new appointees and leaning on the experience of those who have been reappointed," Inui stated. She also extended gratitude to the USDA for the timely appointments and recognized the appointees for their commitment to the cotton industry.


The Cotton Board members and advisors play a crucial role in representing the interests of both importers and producers, contributing valuable insights to the Cotton Research & Promotion Program aimed at enhancing the profitability of the cotton sector.



## CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT REINSTATED TO BE BLOCKED AGAIN

On December 23rd, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals removed the federal district court's injunction against the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA). This reinstated the CTA's requirement for reporting beneficial ownership while extending the deadline for entities established before 2024 to January 13. However, on December 26, a panel from the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated a nationwide injunction that blocks the enforcement of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA), just three days after the same court's different panel had lifted the injunction.

With this injunction now back in effect – at least until March 25, when the Court is set to hear arguments regarding the government's appeal – the government currently cannot mandate businesses to submit their beneficial ownership information reports to the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN).



### 2025 Planting Intentions Survey



Those who complete the electronic survey by January 31, 2025 will be eligible for one of five \$100 Amazon gift cards. Contact information is required to be eligible for a gift card.

To respond to the survey go to  
[www.cotton.org/survey/25plantingacp](http://www.cotton.org/survey/25plantingacp)  
or use the QR Code.

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## 2024 ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

### Federal Outreach

- **Members continue to make an impact on policy with their voices through advocacy.**
  - Congressman Ciscomani (R-AZ) Meeting
  - Congressman Ciscomani Farm Tour
  - Congressman Gosar (R-AZ) Meeting
  - Intimate Meeting with Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) & Congressman Schweikert (R-AZ)
  - Senator Kelly Team Meeting
  - EPA Region 9 Air Quality Tour in Pinal County
  - Multi-Commodity DC Fly-In

### Legislative Successes

- SB1062: 8 year Continuation of Arizona Cotton Research & Protection Council

### ACGPAC Efforts

- Contributed a total of \$6,300, to nine separate 2024 Campaigns, and had a 100% election success rate.

### Public Outreach

- Social Media with over 1K Follower 1,230
- Monthly Newsletter distributed to over 375 individuals, with an average 70% of individuals open it, and 51% engage in hyperlinks throughout the newsletter.
- Current and up-to-date Website

### Legislative Outreach

- Arizona Agriculture Legislative Ag Fest
- Committee Presentations
- Legislative Intern Tour
- Arizona Agriculture Legislative Dinner
- Legislative Harvest Dinner & Tree Lighting
- Yuma Legislative Tour
- National Ag Day at the Capitol

### Member Outreach- Grassroots Engagement

- Annual Meeting
- Farm Tours

### Regulatory Comments

- Submitted multiple regulatory comments on behalf of the Association to the Federal Docket.

### Support

- Az FFA Foundation
- Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation
- Arizona Foundation for Agricultural Literacy
- Project CENTRL

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## **PINAL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY: MANDATORY BMP SURVEY REMINDER**

Attention, agricultural operators in Pinal County!

Please submit the Mandatory Three-Year Best Management Practice (BMP) Survey promptly. This survey helps the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) evaluate the impact of BMPs on PM10 emissions. Your participation is vital for the future of the BMP program.

Who needs to submit? All agricultural operations in the Pinal County PM10 non-attainment area must participate, including crop production, feedlots, dairies, nurseries, and irrigation districts. Operations under 10 acres for crops or 500 head for feedlots are exempt.

How to complete the survey:

- Fill it out electronically at [Agriculture & Air Quality](#) or scan the QR Code.
- You can also fax the hard copy to (602) 364-0830 or email it to [rvanleuven@azda.gov](mailto:rvanleuven@azda.gov).



*Your information will remain confidential, with only aggregate data shared with ADEQ.*

Deadline for submission: January 31, 2025. Your cooperation is essential for showcasing our improvements in air quality.

## **GET YOUR ELECTED'S SHOES DIRTY**

Our challenge for the upcoming Legislative Session- with a wave of new legislators entering public service, we cannot rely on past behaviors to guide us into the future. It is essential to meet elected officials where they are in their careers and provide them with education.

Legislators have the power to influence your business with just a signature. Arizona Agriculture has successfully invited them to observe production and retail operations, and we must keep engaging our lawmakers. The approach is straightforward:

- Showcase your operations.
- Share the significance of your family business and its impact on your life.
- Respectfully express the concerns that keep you awake at night regarding the challenges you face daily.

As a grower, you are the industry's most effective ambassador. Focus on building bridges, not walls.

