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MEMORANDUM	
FROM:	Rich Lewis, Fuel & Measures Division Director
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SUBJECT:	Georgia Cotton Gin Operations

The mission of the Georgia Department of Agriculture is to protect consumers, promote agriculture both locally and globally, and assist our customers using education, technology and a professional workforce. Through regulatory inspections, the Fuel and Measures Division protects consumers by verifying the accuracy of weights and measures used in commercial transactions, the quality and quantity of motor fuels, and the enforcement of grain, cotton and tobacco laws.

In an effort to protect both business owners and consumers through the fulfilment of the department's regulatory duties, the Fuel and Measures Division tests and certifies scales for trade. This includes the certification of cotton gin scales.

We have recently received questions concerning the compensation process for cottonseed during ginning. A full inquiry was conducted, with findings concluding that there are several different means utilized to compensate producers for seed. It has been determined that all of the processes are equitable for both farmers and gin operators.

The Fuel and Measures Division would encourage all producers to work closely with their local gin operators to ensure they have a clear understanding of the process.