



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Kent Hance, Chancellor

March 10, 2009

The Honorable Randy Neugebauer
1424 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Neugebauer:

On behalf of the Texas Tech University System, I respectfully ask for your support of FY2010 funding in the amount of \$3.0M for the Optimizing Production Systems, Market and Policy Analysis for Cotton and Other Natural Fibers collaboration between Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Optimized Cotton Production System has created the synergy of multidisciplinary and coordinated research for new production technologies, innovation, and economic development in the cotton industry. As the cotton industry faces many challenges in global competition, the program brings new technologies and knowledge together and focuses on improvement of profitability and sustainability in each stage of cotton production, marketing, and fiber processing.

The Natural Fibers Markets and Policy Analysis program has been developed to monitor the status of the U.S. natural fiber (cotton, mohair, and wool) industries within the context of the United States and world natural and synthetic fiber markets. The analysis periodically evaluates the impacts of proposed, anticipated, and potential policy, trade, and macroeconomic changes and trends in both the United States and abroad on the U.S. natural fiber and textiles markets.

Your funding support is needed to sustain cotton research programs focused on maximizing efficiency for United States cotton production, marketing and trade, and federal policy analysis.

I am grateful for your assistance and truly appreciate your continued support of Texas Tech and all that you do for the great State of Texas. Please feel free to contact me if I or my staff can assist you in any way.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Hance".

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March 5, 2009

The Honorable Randy Neugebauer
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Dear Congressman Neugebauer:

On behalf of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., I would like to express our support for Texas Tech University's FY2010 federal funding request for Optimizing Production Systems, Market and Policy Analysis for Cotton and Other Natural Fibers.

The focus of this research is to integrate and expand cotton research programs focused on maximizing efficiency for United States cotton production, marketing and trade, and federal policy analysis.

Based on previous collaboration and Texas Tech University's reputation, our membership is confident outcomes of this continued research will increase profitability and maintain viability of all segments of the U.S. cotton industry in an increasingly competitive and volatile international market.

It is with full support that we back Texas Tech University in pursuing federal funding for the Optimizing Production Systems, Market and Policy Analysis for Cotton and Other Natural Fibers. If I may be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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