



## **Contamination Prevention Policy**

*(minimum requirements for each Certified Gin)*

- All modules must be covered with an appropriate cover for the regions normal climatic conditions.
- The gin must inform the producer of preferred module formation techniques and ideal building locations.
- A gin must maintain a suitable module yard that prevents contamination.
- Employees must look for damaged or worn module covers. These covers must be repaired or replaced annually.
- Employees must remove all tie-down materials before module is fed into the gin
- Employees should be advised on the gin's contamination policy before each season. Each employee will be required to sign a copy of the policy stating that he or she has read and understands it.
- Gins must have contaminant disposal containers in and around building.
- Gin must have a non-smoking policy in the plant and warehouse.
- Use of bagging materials approved by NCC Bale Packaging Committee. Specific exclusions may apply.
- Bales stored on site must be protected from contamination sources.
- The use of lint reclaiming devices is prohibited.
- Posters with the minimum contamination policies must be posted prominently.
- Employees are instructed to look for potential sources of contamination.
- Employees are instructed to report any existing or potential contamination concerns to gin management.
- Employees must be instructed on the appropriate action if a bale is suspected to have been contaminated.