

Committee Organized for the Trading of Cotton (COTCO)

Committee Organized for the Trading of Cotton (COTCO) was established in 1973 to act as the voice of the American Cotton Shippers Association. Advocating for U.S. Cotton, COTCO allows us to focus on protecting and advancing the interests and visions of cotton buyers and sellers at the federal level.

Having a strong Political Action Committee builds a strong political presence, gives cotton a seat at the table, develops relationships with key officials, and gives bipartisan support for candidates.

COTCO educates Members of Congress and staff on key issues that affect the cotton industry, such as: cotton impacts from trade negotiations, regulatory impacts on risk management tools and agricultural policy from ACSA members' perspectives.

There are several reasons why COTCO is your PAC:

- Only PAC dedicated to the interests of cotton buyers and sellers
- Only contributes dollars to pro-cotton candidates at the federal and (where applicable) state-wide levels
- Only promotes candidates who support the industry, **regardless of party**

Rules for PAC donations:

- Contributors must be executive, managerial, administrative salaried, or overtime exempt employees authorized by the president/CEO of a member company. **Union employees are not allowed to participate.**
- Maximum personal contribution of \$5,000 annually.
- Contributions are entirely voluntary. You may choose not to contribute without reprisal.
- Contributions are not tax deductible.
- Individuals cannot be reimbursed for political contributions.

To make a COTCO contribution or receive further details, please contact the ACSA office at (901)-525-2272.

It is time for your voice to be heard!