

Primary Buyers & Mill Service Agents
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The Primary Buyers & Mill Service Agents Committee recommends that ACSA:

1. Encourage merchants to use Primary Buyers and Mill Service Agents who are members of ACSA federated associations and to actively request Primary Buyers and Mill Service Agents who are non-ACSA members to join one of the federated associations;
2. Urge Primary Buyers and Mill Service Agents to participate in as many ACSA activities as possible in order to increase awareness of the advantages our sector provides to improve marketing efficiency;
3. Strongly support marketing development of merchant members by providing assistance, education, and other efforts to promote the movement of cotton from the field to the end user;
4. Recognize the principles of sanctity of contracts and encourage compliance with contractual obligations and adherence to arbitration clauses;
5. Urge the Committee on Contract Sanctity at Origination in the Southeast to continue efforts to educate and raise awareness concerning local contract sanctity matters, specifically working in conjunction with the Atlantic Cotton Association and the Southern Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association;
6. Encourage Southern Cotton Association, Texas Cotton Association, and Western Cotton Shippers Association to establish working groups to promote contract sanctity in their respective regions, in collaboration with regional producer / ginner associations;
7. Urge the Memphis Cotton Exchange to define terms concerning contract sanctity, culling cotton, and gin-run delivery and to encourage acceptance of such terms in contracts; and
8. Form a special committee to comprehensively reevaluate the membership categories of Primary Buyers and Mill Service Agents.