

EWR/USDA Partnership

Spot Cotton Transactional Data

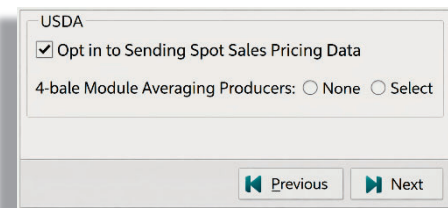
EWR Inc.'s eCotton Gin System software incorporates an option that automatically uploads a gin's spot cotton transactional data to the AMS Cotton Market News Division.

- **Transactional Data includes:**

- Gin ID
- Gin Bale #
- Invoice Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
- Invoice #
- Invoice Type (E=Equity, otherwise blank)
- Price (cents/lb.)
- Producer Warehouse Charges Flag

- **One-time Opt-in**

- Go to "System Parameters" in eCotton's System Preferences
- Select "Preferences"
- Check the box, "Opt-in to Sending Spot Sales Pricing Data"
- Select "Next"



Why is sharing Spot Cotton Transactional Data important?

Transactional data is summarized and used to generate Daily Spot Quotations Report (DSQ) data.

Consumers of the DSQ	Uses of the DSQ
Insurance Companies Co-Ops Foreign Cotton Industry Textile Manufactures Financial Institutions Media Government Officials Merchants Gins Academia Producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Establish CCC Loan Schedule ✓ Insurance Claims ✓ Settlement of ICE Futures Contracts ✓ Loan Approvals ✓ General overview of Cotton Prices

MORE RECAPS A BETTER DSQ REPORT

A quality DSQ report provides the industry with the most reflective spot market activity and improves the accuracy of the CCC loan Schedule.

Laws Requiring USDA Employees Hold Market Information Confidential

- **Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act (7 U.S.C. §§ 471-476)**
 - Section 472 - requires confidentiality with respect to information on "market supply, demand, location, condition, and market prices for cotton" submitted by market participants
 - Section 473b - requires confidentiality specifically with collection of market prices for cotton
- **Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act (7 U.S.C. § 2276)**
 - Fines up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment up to 1 year
 - Removed from employment
- **Trade Secrets Act (18 U.S.C. § 1905)**
 - Fines, imprisonment up to 1 year, or both
 - Removed from employment
- **The Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552)**
 - Exemption 4: Protects disclosure of confidential business information
 - Executive Order 12600: Affords businesses an opportunity to determine which information is confidential



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