



MEMORANDUM

To: Friends of Southeastern Cotton Ginners

From: Todd Waters, President

Subj: Ginner of the Year 2025 (**DEADLINE OCTOBER 29, 2025**)

Date: October 9, 2025

Dear Member,

Each year, the Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association awards the Ginner of the Year to one of its members. In the past the Selection Committee has relied on word of mouth for nominations but would like to make the process more open and formal. Please find accompanying this memo, the application for this award.

All applications will be kept confidential. All applications are only viable for one year. If you submit a nominee and he or she is not selected, you will need to send a new application the following year if you would like them to be considered again. Deadline is October 29, 2025. Please send applications to our office at the address above Attn: Dusty Findley or by email to dusty@southern-southeastern.org.

The Ginner of the Year will be based on the following criteria:

1. Person selected must be active in Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association, Inc.
2. Must be a progressive ginner who endeavors to keep cotton strong in his community,
3. Must be active in managing and operating his ginning business,
4. Must be active in business civic affairs within his community,
5. Must be a person who has respect within the ginning community, and
6. Must be supportive of the cotton industry in general.

Past recipients include:

1983	North Carolina – Tom Gibson	Georgia – Van Murphy	
	SC – L. Mendell Chewning	South Carolina – Julian M. Drake	
	Georgia – C.D. Taylor	NC – David Bruce Hudson	
	Alabama – Ben Beers	1987	Alabama – James Thomas Brumley
1984	Alabama – Claude Buchanan	Georgia – Hamill McNair	
1985	Alabama – Tim Currie	NC – Norman & Ralph Vaughan	
1986	Alabama – Bobby Greene	South Carolina – Jimmy Saverance	

1990	North Carolina – Rex Carter	2008	VA – Mark Hodges
1991	South Carolina – Bob Bonnoitt	2009	SC- Moss Perrow
1992	Alabama – Tim Currie	2010	AL – Richard Lindsey
1993	Georgia – Roy V. Noble	2011	NC- Shirley Gibson
1994	SC – Clayton Lowder, Jr.	2012	GA - McCleskey Gin
1995	Georgia – Wendell Dunaway	2013	SC – Dalzell Ag Supply
1996	Alabama – Claude Buchanan	2014	GA/FL – Clover Leaf Gin
1997	Virginia – Tom Alphin	2015	AL – Joey Scarborough
1998	Georgia - Chuck Coley	2016	NC- Dean Kight
1999	Alabama - Dan Ellis	2017	VA - Len Alphin
2000	South Carolina – David Lynch	2018	SC - Burt Rickenbaker
2001	NC/ VA - Rick Holder	2019	GA – Don Daily
2002	Georgia – Kent Fountain	2020	GA – Ken Roberts
2003	NC / VA – BB Griffin	2021	GA – Tom Stallings
2004	AL/FL – Joe McDonald	2022	GA - Steve Bullard
2005	SC Earl Alford	2023	SC - Drake Perrow
2006	GA Ben Evans	2024	AL – Billy Sickler
2007	NC - Robbie Waters		

b. Philanthropic Work

c. Other Contributions

4. Is the Nominee respected by his peers (letters of support accepted)

5. Other information that would be

This application is submitted by the undersigned who certifies that the statements made are true and correct:

Signed: _____

NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Submit by mail or email: See Memo above. Deadline is October 21.