



# GEORGIA COTTON COMMISSION

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Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20460-0001  
Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0361

## Comments on Glyphosate Registration Review

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

The Georgia Cotton Commission is a producer funded organization that represents the over 3,000 family farmers that grow cotton in Georgia through programs of research, promotion, and education. We are writing to inform the Environmental Protection Agency of our support for the continued availability of the herbicide glyphosate, which is undergoing registration review. The United States planted nearly 12 million acres of cotton in 2017, and Georgia averages over 1.25 million of production every year. In 2017, one acre of cotton in Georgia produced approximately 850 of cotton lint on average (which was lower than recent years). Cotton is an extremely important crop to the engine that is American agriculture and agribusiness.

Glyphosate is one of the primary herbicidal tools used to combat weeds in American agriculture. Research has proven that glyphosate allows producers to control weeds in their fields, while minimizing trips through the fields and promoting soil conservation by significantly reducing soil erosion. The efficiencies that glyphosate provide growers have been crucial in recent years with depressed commodity markets by keeping producers from having to spend more money on excess herbicides and hiring more labor. Glyphosate has also been environmentally efficient thanks to less chemical sprays and greenhouse gas emissions. Research has shown that when used correctly, glyphosate is a very safe product for all parties – producers, consumers, and the environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this issue. The Georgia Cotton Commission implores you to continue to glyphosate available to the American Farmer so that they can continue to feed the growing world.

Sincerely,

Bart Davis, Chairman  
Georgia Cotton Commission