USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
Cotton and Tobacco Program

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National Database Application

Please complete this form to receive a UserID and Password required for accessing the National Database.

Check the category that best describes your business:

__ Merchant   __ Mill   __ Coop   __ Foreign   __ Other (Specify) _____

Complete address for billing purposes (*PLEASE PRINT*):

Name of Firm: _____

Street Address: _____

2nd Line Street Address: _____

P. O. Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: (____) _____   Fax: (____) _____   Taxpayer ID Number: _____
(For U.S. customers only)

E-mail: _____

Form R request(s) will be sent to the email address listed above.

_____   _____   _____
(Printed Name of Authorized Representative)   (Signature of Authorized Representative)   (Date)

Please select how you would like to receive your UserID and Password: __ Fax   __ Mail

Instructions for downloading the current version of the National Database software will be sent to you once the account is established.

Please fax completed form to (901) 384-3035.

National Database

The Cotton and Tobacco Program has established a National Database in Memphis, Tennessee for dissemination of classing data to owners/agents other than gins, such as merchants, textile mills, and marketing organizations. The system contains classing data for the current and previous four crop years. Classing information from the current crop is available from the computer within 24 hours of the time of classification. The system is also capable of issuing Form-R Memoranda to firms requesting this service.

For security purposes, firms accessing the system must be assigned identification codes and passwords by the Cotton and Tobacco Program. They must certify, as part of the log-on procedure, that they are the owner or the authorized agent of the owner of all bales for which they are seeking classing data. Users must also furnish the five-digit gin code numbers and the gin bale numbers in order to receive data.

The system can only be accessed via the Internet. Proprietary software must be installed before accessing the system. The Internet software is available for free. Contact the Cotton and Tobacco Program's IT Staff in Memphis at (901) 384-3007 for instructions about downloading the Internet software or for answers to any technical questions.

The current cost for telecommunicated data from the National Database is five cents per bale. The cost for Form-R Classification Memoranda is fifteen cents per bale, with a minimum charge of five dollars ($5.00) per page. A full page contains fifty (50) bales, or $7.50 per page.

To receive data from the Cotton and Tobacco Program's National Database, complete the attached application and fax it to the fax number listed on the form. The link to the Internet software will be provided after you receive your user id and password.