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Plains Cotton Growers Statement on Nomination of Former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue for Secretary of Agriculture

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., is pleased that President-Elect Donald Trump and his transition team have selected former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue to nominate as the nation's next Secretary of Agriculture.

"We want to congratulate Governor Perdue, and we look forward to working with him as he leads the U.S. Department of Agriculture," PCG President Johnie Reed, a cotton producer from Kress, said. "He's a veterinarian and a successful agribusinessman who grew up on a traditional row-crop farm, a combination that undoubtedly gives him a wide understanding of many aspects of agriculture. That knowledge will serve agriculture and the USDA well.

"Georgia is the No. 2 cotton-producing state in the nation, so as growers, we appreciate the fact that Perdue is aware of the challenges facing our industry in particular," Reed said. "However, agriculture as a whole is of utmost importance, as we all must work together to feed and clothe this nation and the world. We know that Governor Perdue will be a strong and effective leader for USDA and a champion for agriculture, and we wholeheartedly support him as he continues his path toward becoming our next Secretary of Agriculture."