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Plains Cotton Growers Commends Congress for Passing Bipartisan Budget Act *Legislation Brings Cotton Back into Title I of the Farm Bill*

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., commended Congress for their passage today of the Bipartisan Budget Act, a move that keeps the government in operation and also provides necessary funding for several initiatives, including disaster relief, that recently have been stalled in the appropriations process.

“The Bipartisan Budget Act not only helps our government move forward, but ensures defense funding, which is essential, and incorporates long overdue disaster relief in hurricane-affected areas, among other necessary provisions,” PCG President Johnie Reed said.

A critical component for cotton producers is a provision within the Act that provides for seed-cotton to be made eligible for farm programs under the commodity title of the Farm Bill, restoring a much-needed safety net to cotton growers effective with the 2018 crop year.

“We have worked toward a long-term solution for growers for many years now, and we appreciate our friends in Congress who have been steadfast in their support and understanding of our needs,” Reed said. “This is significant for cotton growers who for years have operated without a viable safety net, and this will allow many growers to stay in business.

PCG commends the House Agriculture Committee, led by Chairman Mike Conaway; Ranking Member Collin Peterson; Rep. Jodey Arrington; Rep. Mac Thornberry; Sen. John Cornyn; Sen. Ted Cruz; Sen. Jerry Moran; Sen. John Boozman; and many other friends in Congress for their support of the cotton industry through this process.