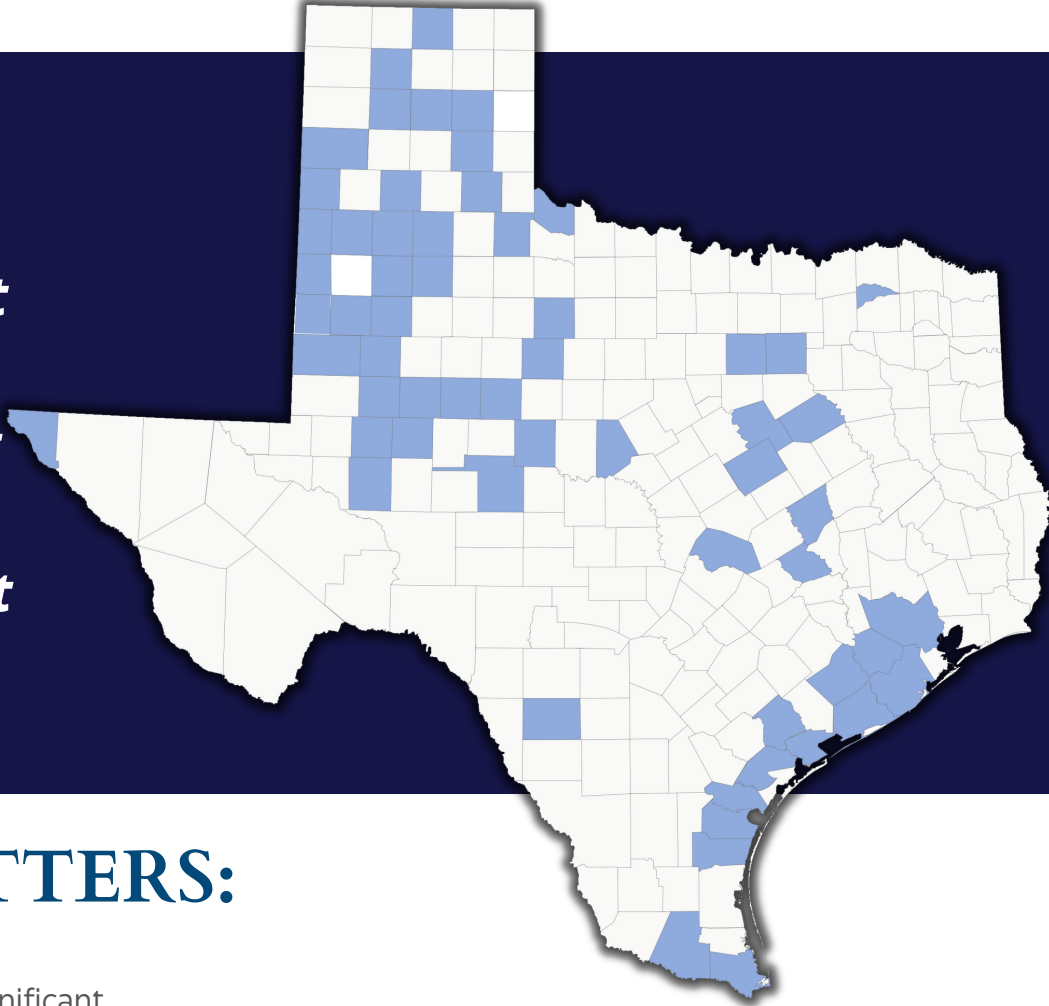


# SUPPORT FOR COTTON INFRASTRUCTURE

**173 cotton infrastructure entities and support organizations from 56 counties support the Agricultural Disaster Relief Grant Budget Rider**



## WHY IT MATTERS:

- Texas suffered the most significant weather-related damage to crops of all U.S. states with over \$6.4 billion in incurred losses – \$2.9 billion in damages to cotton due to 2022 drought conditions.
- Texas planted 7.7 million acres of cotton in 2022 and failed 3.75 million acres for an abandonment rate of 49.7%. The High Plains abandoned 72.3% of cotton acreage in 2022.

*"2022 was one of the harshest growing years seen in recent times impacting the cotton industry at large."*

Kody Bessent  
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. CEO

### **Where would the funding come from?**

It is important to note that the rider is a one-time grant that **does not use funds from general revenue**. Funds appropriated for this rider are derived from the Coronavirus Relief State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**"How Drought Cost America's Cotton Industry Billions"**



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