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### Lubbock Professor Earns Ginners Award

Alan Brashears of Lubbock, Texas, received the prestigious "Distinguished Service Award" for the past season from the National Cotton Ginners' Association. Brashears has served as the research leader for the Cotton Production and Processing Research Unit (Gin Lab) of USDA's Agricultural Research Service in Lubbock since 2002. The agricultural engineer lead research resulting in modifications to commercial cottonseed strippers that reduced foreign matter in seed cotton, and also the number of lint grades being reduced to bark. Brashears helped demonstrate effects of defoliation and desiccation on harvesting, field storage and ginning of stripper cotton. An adjunct professor in Texas Tech University's Soil and Crop Sciences Department, Brashears has authored 137 publications and abstracts. His cumulative research has been a big influence on regions growing stripper harvested cotton. He also served on several NCGA committees and been a key reason its ginning schools have been successful.

Among those re-appointed to terms on the Cotton Board were Texans Kent Nix of Lamesa; Craig Shook, Corpus Christi; Kenneth Dierschke, San Angelo; and Peter McGrath of Plano. Re-appointed from New Mexico is William Ahrens of Malaga. Newly appointed member Rob Robbins of Altus, Oklahoma. Newly appointed alternate members include Jackie Burriss of Wellman, Texas; Debra Barrett, Edroy, Texas; and Jeffrey Posey, Roby, Texas. These members and alternates named will serve a three-year term ending Dec. 31, 2007. The Cotton Board is based in Memphis, Tennessee.