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**Procedures for Cotton Clerks  
14-CN (Revision 10)**

**Amendment 34**

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**Amendment Transmittal**

**A Reasons for Amendment**

Exhibit 7:

- subparagraph A has been amended to change the crop year to 2010
- subparagraphs C through G have been amended to provide 2010-crop upland cotton premiums and discounts for the following classes:
  - white
  - light spotted
  - spotted
  - tinged
  - yellow stained.

Exhibits 8 through 10 have been amended to provide 2010-crop upland cotton schedule of:

- discounts for extraneous matter
- premiums and discounts for:
  - uniformity
  - strength
  - micronaire.

Exhibits 11 and 12 have been amended to provide the 2010 crop ELS cotton schedule of:

- loan rates
- discounts for:
  - micronaire
  - extraneous matter
  - strength.

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## Schedule of Premiums and Discounts for Grade, Staple Length, and Leaf for Upland Cotton

### A Policy

The discount for all grades, length, and leaf content **not** shown in this exhibit is .4000 (40 cents/lb.). Additional discounts may also apply.

The discount for leaf 8 for all color grades is .4000.

\*--For 2010 crop upland cotton, the national average loan rate is \$0.52 pound. The minimum--\* loan rate is zero, and **no** loan rate can be adjusted below zero by any discounts. CCC does **not** provide a loan on a bale unless the computed loan rate is greater than zero.

### B Color Grade Symbols

The following color grade symbols are used in this exhibit to designate the different grades:

- SM - Strict Middling
- MID - Middling
- SLM - Strict Low Middling
- LM - Low Middling
- SGO - Strict Good Ordinary
- GO - Good Ordinary
- BG - Below Grade.

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**C White Cotton**

\*--Following are premiums and discounts for 2010 crop upland cotton classed as “White”. Coarse count applies to shaded selections.

Grade Code	Leaf	Staple Length (Inches)								
		13/16 Through 29/32	15/16	31/3 2	1	1-1/32	1-1/16	1-3/32	1-1/8	1-5/32 & Longer
		(26-29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)	(37 & Longer)
SM 11&21 BETTER	1-2	-190	-170	-160	-150	15	210	400	475	485
	3	-240	-185	-175	-165	10	185	345	410	425
	4	-290	-215	-195	-185	-80	110	230	300	310
	5	-405	-330	-315	-300	-195	-50	135	190	205
	6	-620	-520	-475	-460	-375	-305	-230	-215	-205
	7	-695	-620	-605	-590	-525	-445	-385	-370	-360
MID 31	1-2	-240	-185	-175	-165	10	170	330	410	420
	3	-290	-210	-185	-175	-5	150	310	370	380
	4	-360	-290	-230	-220	-115	75	190	260	270
	5	-455	-380	-345	-335	-210	-95	105	150	160
	6	-670	-570	-495	-480	-385	-320	-265	-245	-235
	7	-745	-665	-625	-610	-530	-450	-415	-390	-380
SLM 41	1-3	-420	-370	-295	-285	-135	45	135	170	175
	4	-495	-420	-315	-305	-200	<b>Base</b>	85	125	130
	5	-525	-455	-420	-410	-290	-195	-115	-60	-60
	6	-720	-625	-555	-540	-470	-395	-355	-335	-335
	7	-795	-745	-710	-695	-630	-565	-535	-525	-520
LM 51	1-4	-575	-525	-495	-480	-310	-260	-190	-175	-170
	5	-600	-575	-550	-540	-450	-365	-305	-280	-280
	6	-815	-740	-715	-660	-585	-535	-495	-475	-475
	7	-890	-840	-815	-775	-740	-695	-665	-650	-650
SGO 61	1-5	-630	-620	-610	-600	-525	-455	-420	-420	-420
	6	-840	-775	-765	-755	-690	-645	-625	-605	-605
	7	-915	-895	-885	-875	-795	-730	-710	-700	-700
GO 71	1-6	-970	-960	-950	-940	-880	-775	-760	-760	-760
	7	-1015	-1005	-995	-985	-930	-825	-810	-810	-810
BG 81	1-8	-4000	-4000	4000	4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000

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**Schedule of Premiums and Discounts for Grade, Staple Length, and Leaf for Upland Cotton  
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**D Light Spotted Upland Cotton**

\*--Following are premiums and discounts for 2010 upland cotton classed as “Light Spotted”.  
Course count applies to shaded selections.

Grade Code	Leaf	Staple Length (Inches)								
		13/16 Through 29/32	15/16	31/32	1	1-1/32	1-1/16	1-3/32	1-1/8	1-5/32 & Longer
		(26-29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)	37 & Longer
SM 12&22 BETTER	1-2	-305	-255	-225	-205	-45	75	190	265	275
	3	-355	-305	-240	-225	-60	60	165	230	240
	4	-405	-330	-275	-265	-155	-10	105	180	190
	5	-500	-450	-420	-410	-350	-205	-130	-100	-90
	6	-700	-625	-550	-530	-480	-405	-375	-365	-355
	7	-780	-705	-670	-660	-620	-560	-535	-525	-515
MID 32	1-2	-355	-305	-285	-275	-125	-20	40	100	100
	3	-405	-350	-310	-300	-140	-45	15	90	90
	4	-490	-400	-390	-355	-220	-145	-50	10	15
	5	-550	-520	-510	-500	-400	-305	-255	-225	-225
	6	-745	-695	-620	-595	-545	-480	-445	-430	-430
	7	-875	-800	-745	-730	-670	-630	-605	-595	-595
SLM 42	1-3	-470	-415	-395	-365	-265	-170	-95	-30	-30
	4	-540	-475	-465	-420	-285	-210	-140	-85	-85
	5	-600	-585	-570	-550	-430	-370	-305	-290	-290
	6	-850	-800	-720	-660	-595	-520	-485	-470	-470
	7	-930	-880	-840	-820	-745	-690	-655	-650	-650
LM 52	1-4	-665	-615	-565	-525	-420	-395	-355	-350	-350
	5	-740	-690	-665	-610	-540	-495	-460	-460	-460
	6	-965	-915	-865	-790	-745	-665	-640	-640	-640
	7	-1040	-990	-965	-890	-855	-790	-770	-770	-770
SGO 62	1-5	-815	-785	-760	-745	-695	-610	-595	-595	-595
	6	-995	-985	-975	-960	-905	-810	-795	-795	-795
	7	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000
BG 82	1-8	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000

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**E Spotted Upland Cotton**

\*--Following are premiums and discounts for 2010 upland cotton classed as “Spotted”. Coarse count applies to shaded selections.

Grade Code	Leaf	Staple Length (Inches)								
		13/16 Through 29/32	15/16	31/32	1	1-1/16	1-1/8	1-3/32	1-1/8	1-5/32 & Longer
		(26-29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)	37 & Longer
SM 13&23 BETTER	1-2	-465	-365	-315	-235	-185	-130	-100	-90	-90
	3	-465	-410	-340	-260	-210	-155	-125	-115	-115
	4	-540	-440	-415	-335	-280	-205	-175	-165	-165
	5	-665	-565	-540	-435	-405	-330	-300	-290	-290
	6	-765	-690	-590	-535	-495	-420	-380	-370	-370
MID 33	1-2	-560	-485	-435	-310	-260	-200	-190	-180	-180
	3	-560	-485	-435	-310	-260	-200	-190	-180	-180
	4	-610	-560	-485	-385	-330	-250	-240	-235	-235
	5	-710	-660	-610	-510	-450	-400	-370	-365	-365
	6	-835	-785	-685	-605	-565	-500	-485	-475	-475
SLM 43	1-3	-610	-565	-555	-545	-445	-395	-365	-345	-345
	4	-660	-615	-605	-595	-490	-440	-390	-375	-375
	5	-735	-705	-670	-660	-595	-575	-530	-525	-525
	6	-885	-835	-785	-775	-730	-710	-695	-690	-690
	7	-985	-925	-910	-880	-830	-820	-805	-805	-805
LM 53	1-4	-825	-745	-735	-725	-650	-550	-530	-525	-525
	5	-900	-825	-785	-775	-735	-640	-620	-615	-615
	6	-1000	-945	-935	-925	-865	-770	-760	-755	-755
	7	-1075	-1020	-1005	-995	-975	-875	-855	-855	-855
SGO 63	1-5	-1045	-975	-965	-955	-890	-790	-760	-755	-755
	6	-1105	-1095	-1085	-1075	-995	-890	-875	-875	-875
BG 83	1-8	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000

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**Schedule of Premiums and Discounts for Grade, Staple Length, and Leaf for Upland Cotton**  
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**F Tinged Upland Cotton**

\*--Following are premiums and discounts for 2010 crop upland cotton classed as “Tinged”. Coarse count applies to shaded selections.

Grade Code	Leaf	Staple Length (Inches)								
		13/16 Through 29/32	15/16	31/32	1 1-1/16	1-1/32	1-1/16 1-1/18	1-3/32	1-1/8	1-5/32 & Longer
		(26-29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)	(37) & Longer
SM 24	1-2	-665	-565	-515	-480	-405	-320	-320	-320	-320
	3	-665	-565	-515	-480	-405	-320	-320	-320	-320
	4	-790	-690	-640	-570	-495	-420	-420	-420	-420
	5	-890	-790	-740	-670	-620	-545	-545	-545	-545
	6	-1015	-940	-890	-820	-770	-695	-695	-695	-695
MID 34	1-2	-680	-580	-530	-495	-420	-355	-335	-335	-335
	3	-680	-580	-530	-495	-420	-355	-335	-335	-335
	4	-805	-705	-655	-585	-510	-435	-435	-435	-435
	5	-905	-805	-755	-685	-635	-560	-560	-560	-560
	6	-1030	-955	-905	-835	-785	-710	-710	-710	-710
SLM 44	1-3	-805	-705	-655	-580	-530	-455	-455	-455	-455
	4	-875	-780	-725	-680	-580	-505	-505	-505	-505
	5	-975	-875	-830	-755	-680	-605	-605	-605	-605
	6	-1100	-1025	-975	-900	-850	-775	-775	-775	-775
LM 54	1-4	-905	-805	-780	-730	-655	-580	-580	-580	-580
	5	-1000	-900	-855	-780	-740	-645	-630	-630	-630
	6	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000	-4000
	7-8	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000	-4000
BG 84	1-8	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000	-4000

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**Schedule of Premiums and Discounts for Grade, Staple Length, and Leaf for Upland Cotton  
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**G Yellow Stained Upland Cotton**

\*--Following are premiums and discounts for 2010 crop upland cotton classed as “Yellow Stained”.  
Coarse count applies to shaded selections.

Grade Code	Leaf	Staple Length (Inches)								
		13/16 Through 29/32	15/16	31/32	1	1-1/32	1-1/16	1-3/32	1-1/8	1-5/32 & Longer
		(26-29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)	37 & Longer
SM 25 Yellow Stained	<b>1 &amp; 2</b>	-865	-765	-715	-680	-605	-520	-520	-520	-520
	<b>3</b>	-865	-765	-715	-680	-605	-520	-520	-520	-520
	<b>4</b>	-990	-890	-840	-770	-695	-620	-620	-620	-620
	<b>5</b>	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000	-4000
	<b>6</b>	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000	-4000
	<b>7-8</b>	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000	-4000
	MID 35 Yellow Stained	<b>1 &amp; 2</b>	-880	-780	-730	-695	-620	-535	-535	-535
<b>3</b>		-880	-780	-730	-695	-620	-535	-535	-535	-535
<b>4</b>		-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000	-4000
<b>5</b>		-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000	-4000
<b>6</b>		-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000	-4000
<b>7-8</b>		-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000	-4000
BG 85		<b>1-8</b>	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	-4000	4000

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**Schedule of Discounts For Extraneous Matter in Upland Cotton**

\*--The following discounts for extraneous matter apply to 2010 crop upland cotton.

**Note:** The discounts for bark vary by State.

<b>Extraneous Matter Codes and Discounts (Points per Pound)</b>		
<b>Description of Code</b>	<b>Extraneous Matter Code</b>	<b>Discount (Points per Pound)</b>
No Extraneous Matter	(00)	0
Preparation		
Level 1	(01)	-100
Level 2	(02)	-675
Bark		
Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas		
Level 1	(11)	-245
Level 2	(12)	-455
All other States		
Level 1	(11)	-375
Level 2	(12)	-710
Grass		
Level 1	(21)	-375
Level 2	(22)	-710
Seed Coat Fragments		
Level 1	(31)	-375
Level 2	(32)	-710
Oil		
Level 1	(41)	-375
Level 2	(42)	-710
Spindle Twist		
Level 1	(51)	-375
Level 2	(52)	-710
Other		
Level 1	(61)	-375
Level 2	(62)	-710

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**Schedule of Premiums and Discounts for Uniformity in Upland Cotton**

\*--The following premiums and discounts for uniformity apply to 2010 crop upland cotton in all States. Uniformity is expressed as a percent and no other code is used.

<b>Uniformity (Percent)</b>	<b>Points</b>
77.4 & Below	-100
77.5 – 78.4	-85
78.5 – 79.4	-75
79.5 – 80.4	0
80.5 – 81.4	0
81.5 – 82.4 (Base Level)	0
82.5 – 83.4	+20
83.5 – 84.4	+30
84.5 – 85.4	+40
85.5 & Above	+50

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**Schedule of Premiums and Discounts for Strength for Upland Cotton**

\*--The following are the premiums and discounts for strength for 2010 crop upland cotton.

<b>Strength (Grams per Tex)</b>	<b>Discounts and Premiums (Points per Pound)</b>
18.4 or Less	-500
18.5 - 19.4	-270
19.5 - 20.4	-270
20.5 - 21.4	-270
21.5 - 22.4	-220
22.5 - 23.4	-180
23.5 - 24.4	-155
24.5 - 25.4	-135
25.5 - 26.4	0
26.5 - 27.4 (Base Level)	0
27.5 - 28.4 (Base Level)	0
28.5 - 29.4	0
29.5 - 30.4	+25
30.5 - 32.4	+45
32.5 and Higher	+45

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**Schedule of Premiums and Discounts for Micronaire of Upland Cotton**

The minimum loan rate is zero, and no loan rate can be adjusted below zero by any discounts. CCC does **not** provide a loan on a bale unless its computed loan rate is greater than zero.

\*--The following are the micronaire premiums and discounts for 2010 crop upland cotton.

<b>Micronaire Reading</b>	<b>Discounts and Premiums (Points per Pound)</b>
2.4 and below	-935
2.5 through 2.6	-910
2.7 through 2.9	- 645
3.0 through 3.2	-340
3.3 through 3.4	-180
3.5 through 3.6	0
3.7 through 4.2	+15
4.3 through 4.9	0
5.0 through 5.2	-220
5.3 and above	-325

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**Note:** The premiums apply only to:

- White Grades:
  - 11 through 41, leaf 1 through 6
  - 51, leaf 1 through 5
- Light Spotted Grades:
  - 12 through 32, leaf 1 through 5
  - 42, leaf 1 through 4
  - 52, leaf 1 through 3.





**Schedule of Loan Rates for ELS Cotton (American-Pima) by Color, Leaf, and Staple**

\*--The following schedule of loan rates is applicable for eligible qualities of 2010 crop ELS cotton--\* stored in approved warehouses at all locations. ELS cotton with a staple length of less than 44/32 is ineligible for loan. For 2008 crop ELS cotton, the national average loan rate is \$0.7977 per pound.  
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Color	Leaf	Staple Length (Inches)		
		1-3/8 Inches (44/32)	1-7/16 Inches (46/32)	1-1/2 Inches (48/32) and Longer
1	1-2	78.70	82.45	82.60
	3	75.25	79.00	79.15
	4	75.10	78.85	79.00
	5	75.00	78.75	78.90
	6	74.90	78.65	78.80
	7	74.90	78.65	78.80
2	1-2	78.00	81.75	82.25
	3	74.55	78.30	78.80
	4	74.40	78.15	78.65
	5	74.30	78.05	78.55
	6	74.20	77.95	78.45
	7	74.20	77.95	78.45
3	1-2	71.65	75.40	76.70
	3	68.20	71.95	73.25
	4	64.60	68.35	69.65
	5	64.50	68.25	69.55
	6	64.40	68.15	69.45
	7	64.40	68.15	69.45
4	1-4	52.90	56.95	56.95
	5	49.20	53.25	53.25
	6	49.10	53.15	53.15
	7	49.10	53.15	53.15

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**Schedule of Loan Rates for ELS Cotton (American-Pima) by Color, Leaf, and Staple (Continued)**

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Color	Leaf	Staple Length (Inches)		
		1-3/8 Inches (44/32)	1-7/16 Inches (46/32)	1-1/2 Inches (48/32) and Longer
5	1-5	47.50	48.45	48.45
	6	43.70	44.65	44.65
	7	43.70	44.65	44.65
6	1-6	40.95	41.15	41.15
	7	37.15	37.35	37.35
7	1-7	37.00	37.00	37.00

**Notes:** A micronaire premium of 97 points (0.97 cents) per pound is reflected in the loan rates for the eligible qualities. The adjusted NALR reflected in this schedule is 80.74 cents per pound.

All grades of ELS cotton are subject to loan adjustments for micronaire, extraneous, and strength matter as shown in Exhibit 11. For 2010 crop ELS cotton, the loan rate cannot be adjusted below zero. CCC does not provide a loan on a bale unless it is computed loan rate is greater than zero.--\*

**Schedules of Discounts for ELS Cotton**

**A ELS Micronaire Discounts**

\*--The following are the micronaire discounts for 2010 crop ELS cotton.

<b>Micronaire Reading</b>	<b>Points per Pound</b>
2.6 and below	-1350
2.7 through 2.9	-945
3.0 through 3.2	-550
3.3 through 3.4	-395
3.5 and above	0

**B ELS Extraneous Matter Discounts**

The following are the extraneous matter discounts for 2010 crop ELS cotton.

<b>Description of Code</b>	<b>Code and Discounts (Points per Pound)</b>	
	<b>Code</b>	<b>Discount</b>
No Extraneous Matter	(00)	0
Preparation		
Level 1	(01)	-610
Level 2	(02)	-895
Grass		
Level 1	(21)	-515
Level 2	(22)	-835
Spindle Twist		
Level 1	(51)	-515
Level 2	(52)	-835
Bark, seed-coat fragments, Oil, Other		
Level 1	(11), (31), (41), (61)	-515
Level 2	(12), (32), (42), (62)	-835

**C ELS Strength Discounts**

The following are the strength discounts for 2010 crop ELS cotton.

<b>Strength Reading (g/tex)</b>	<b>Points per Pound</b>
37.5 and above	0
36.5 – 37.4	-550
35.5 – 36.4	-800
35.4 and below	-1050

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