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# Mills and Manufacturers

In a period of ever greater supply chain scrutiny and a growing demand for transparency and assurance, the U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol® provides mills and manufacturers critical assurances they need to prove to their customers that they are an approved supply chain partner for brands and retailers who are sourcing more sustainably grown cotton.

The Trust Protocol brings quantifiable and verifiable goals and measurement to sustainable cotton production and drives continuous improvement in key sustainability metrics. A combination of a unique credit accounting system and the Permanent Bale Identification (PBI) system enables full transparency throughout the supply chain to finished product.

Choosing Trust Protocol cotton will allow mills and manufacturers to give brands the critical assurances they need to show that the cotton fiber element of their supply chain is more sustainably grown with lower environmental and social risk. Brands and retailers will gain access to U.S. cotton with sustainability credentials proven via Field to Market, measured via the Field Calculator and verified with Control Union Certifications.



U.S. COTTON  
**TRUST PROTOCOL**®  
Trust in a smarter cotton future

Full traceability is our long term aspiration and the Trust Protocol credit system is being built with that goal. However right from the start we will provide greater transparency in the supply chain than ever before.

Aligned with the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals, the Trust Protocol is a complement to existing sustainability programs. It is designed from the ground up to fit the diverse cotton growing landscape of the United States in an effort to drive industry-wide goals for continuous improvement.

The U.S. cotton industry continues to use and develop innovative technologies, adopt best management practices, and fund research projects that will help develop new farming practices globally.

Trust Protocol members will be working with participating growers to help drive continuous improvement among six key elements of sustainability: land use, soil carbon, water management, soil loss, greenhouse gas emissions, and energy efficiency.

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## Annual membership fee: \$500

(Invoiced upon enrollment)

### Membership of the Trust Protocol will provide mills and manufacturers with:

- ✓ Regular email updates of U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol® and related news
- ✓ Company logo on the U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol® website with three-line blurb about the company; identified as a U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol® Manufacturer Participant
- ✓ Promotion of the U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol® logo specifically identifying company as Manufacturer Participant on company website, company advertising and social media
- ✓ Access to credit system to validate consumption of cotton and associated credit