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**To:** U.S. Cotton Gins and Warehouses

**From:** Chris Berry, JCIBPC Chairman

**Attention Required - Bale Bag and Tie Codes and Tare Weights**

The NCC is concerned that instances of misreported bagging and tie code combinations on electronic warehouse receipts have been increasing over the last several crop years. We are reaching out for your assistance in resolving this issue.

Two codes represent bale bagging and ties within the electronic warehouse receipt. Field ten is identified as “Bagging Type” and occupies position 36 on the electronic warehouse receipt. Field eleven is identified as “Ties” and occupies position 37 on the electronic warehouse receipt.

USDA requires gins to include bag and tie codes when they send bale data to warehouses, and warehouses are required to include bag and tie codes on all warehouse receipts. It is imperative the correct bagging and tie codes are used to accurately represent the bale they are assigned to. Merchants and Manufacturers use these codes to assist in making their purchasing decisions.

Correct tare weights are also equally as important. Depending on the type of packaging material used, the tare weight of the bale will change. Gins are urged to update their tare weights annually and promptly communicate any changes to the warehouse.

The official Bagging and Tie Codes table and Tare Weights table can be found online at: <https://www.cotton.org/tech/bale/specs/tare-weights.cfm>. The Bale Packaging Specifications are updated annually and posted on the National Cotton Council Bale Packaging webpage located: <https://www.cotton.org/tech/bale/specs/index.cfm>.

Please direct any bale packaging and specifications questions to Lauren Krogman at the NCC at 901.274.9030 or [lkrogman@cotton.org](mailto:lkrogman@cotton.org).

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