



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Gary W. Black, Commissioner

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DATE: October 30, 2020

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Consider Amendments to Cotton Storage Rule

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, O.C.G.A. §§ 10-4-5 and 50-13-4, notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Agriculture will be accepting written comments regarding amendments to Rule 40-14-4-.02 entitled *Cotton Storage*. The Department will be accepting written comments from October 30, 2020, to close of business (4:30 p.m. ET) on November 30, 2020.

SYNOPSIS, MAIN FEATURES, AND DIFFERENCES:

The Department is proposing to amend current Rule 40-14-4-.02 entitled *Cotton Storage* by providing for a minimum of two cotton examinations per year. All cotton stored in a licensed warehouse must be aligned both vertically and horizontally so as to facilitate ready tag check and bale count. The first examination will be a bale count, which will be performed after the ginning season is complete. The height of stacks must not exceed three high when stacked end on end or eight high when stacked flat. All bales must be visible and readily accessible for counting during the first examination. The second examination will be a tag check, which will be performed after notice of said examination has been provided to the licensed warehouse. The height of stacks must not exceed two high when stacked end on end or four high when stacked flat. All tags must be visible and readily accessible for scanning during the second examination. The licensed warehouse must ensure that all tags are visible and readily accessible for scanning prior to the scheduled second examination.

COMMENT PERIOD AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Department will be accepting written comments from October 30, 2020, to close of business (4:30 p.m. ET) on November 30, 2020. Comments will be considered on December 1, 2020. Please submit written comments to:

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Interested persons may call or submit a written request to obtain a copy of the proposed rules. A copy of the synopsis and the proposed rules may be downloaded from the Georgia Department of Agriculture website at www.agr.georgia.gov.

This notice is given in compliance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.