## N.C. Cotton Growers To Vote On Whether To Continue Assessment To Aid Industry

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Funding to support cotton production, as well as marketing and research for the industry will be the subject of a cotton growers' vote on April 1.

The referendum would reauthorize an assessment of up to \$1 per bale of cotton sold. If approved, it would stay in place for six years, according to an Agriculture Department news release.

Eligibile voters are defined as cotton producers who planted the crop in 2015 and intend to plant cotton in 2016. Voting takes place as county Cooperative Extension offices from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 1.

The fee is collected by the state agriculture department and sent to the N.C. Cotton Producers Association, a nonprofit organization based in Nashville, N.C.