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STATEMENT BY SEN. STROM THURMOND (D-SC) CONCERNING
WEATHERED COTTON, October 11, 1955.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11--Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) revealed today that top officials of the Agriculture Department have taken under consideration his proposal to establish a new cotton classification which would make weather-damaged South Carolina cotton eligible under the government loan program.

The South Carolina Democrat said Assistant Secretary James McConnell is taking the matter up with the Cotton Branch of the department to see if an arrangement similar to one developed earlier for weather-damaged grain can be added to the present program. Senator Thurmond expressed the hope that the department will be able to develop a feasible plan for including the weathered cotton under the support program.

At present, the lowest grade acceptable for government loan is "good ordinary." Thurmond has proposed that a lower grade be established to aid thousands of South Carolina farmers who face low market prices because their cotton crops have been damaged by hurricanes and rains.

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