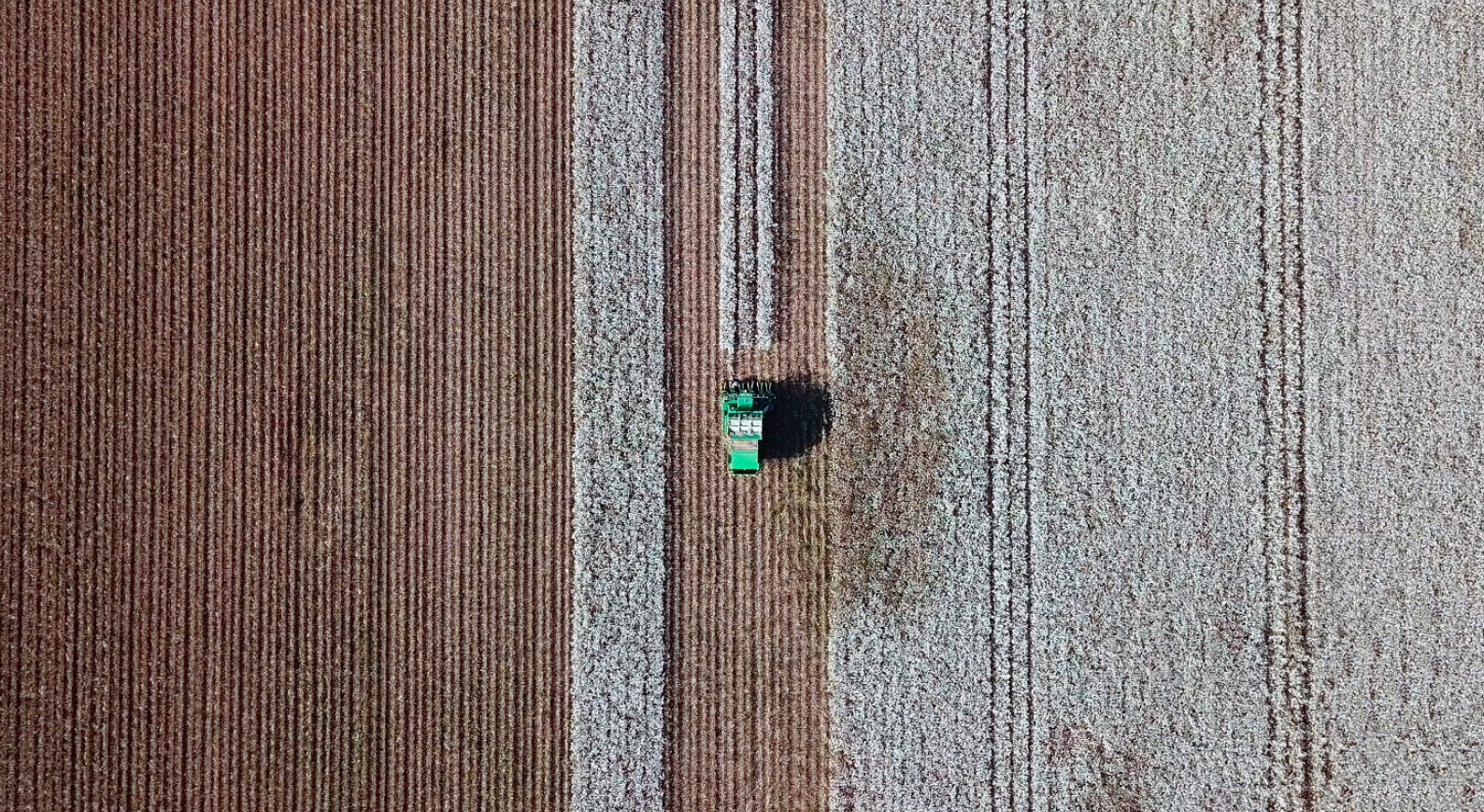


Cotton

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Cotton controlling services

From origin to destination, we provide independent cotton controlling services to help protect quality, quantity and integrity throughout the supply chain.

Our services include:

- Loading and unloading supervision at ports, factories and warehouses
- Weighing and sampling at gin yards, warehouses, storage areas and spinning mills
- Seal-breaking, devanning and tallying (SDT) to verify seals, bale quantities and external condition
- Cotton classing and testing of drawn or provided samples at our specialist facilities
- Damage and foreign matter surveys to assess damage and quantify contamination
- Warehouse inspections and stock monitoring to assess storage suitability and verify cargo availability and condition
- Auditing and certification against applicable requirements and standards

Through our independent global network, we provide access to expertise across countries involved in the production, transit and consumption of raw cotton. We deliver services in accordance with relevant trade association rules, client requirements and established industry practices.

With over 80 years' experience, we are the benchmark for quality and trust in the cotton industry.

As active members of leading cotton associations, we contribute our expertise to strengthen trust, transparency and confidence across the global cotton sector.



Advanced cotton traceability

As cotton supply chains move beyond traditional paper-based documentation and fragmented traceability systems, organizations increasingly need reliable ways to verify cotton origin, variety and other product characteristics. We combine analytical expertise with innovative technologies to support greater transparency throughout the supply chain.

Stable isotope analysis

Cotton absorbs naturally occurring chemical elements from its environment as it grows, creating an isotopic “fingerprint” linked to its geographical origin. By comparing this pattern with reference data, we can help assess origin claims and strengthen supply chain traceability.

Additional markers

Chemical markers can provide another means of tracking materials through supply chains and helping identify potential substitution or forgery. These markers can be detected using specialist analytical techniques.

DNA-based cotton testing

Our DNA testing capabilities can detect, identify and quantify genetically modified cotton and identify commercially relevant cotton species, including distinguishing between *G. hirsutum* and *G. barbadense*.

Sustainability

We help organizations demonstrate responsible sourcing and compliance across a range of voluntary and private cotton sustainability schemes, including Better Cotton. Whether you require chain of custody, identity preservation or mass balance solutions, our expertise and global network can support your requirements.

Find out how our cotton services can help you. [Get in touch with our experts today.](#)

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