

REGENERATIVE COTTON STANDARD®

Developed by the Aid by Trade Foundation, RCS is a voluntary standard for cotton grown by small-scale farmers using regenerative farming methods. RCS aims to improve the overall resilience and productivity of small-scale farming while adding value to farmland, rural communities, the biosphere, and the quality of life of farm animals. To achieve these aims, RCS targets the entire production system rather than only the cotton itself.

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1.
Farm
resilience
improved

2.
Farming
families'
livelihoods
improved

3.
Transparency
and fairness

4.
Decent
working
conditions

5.
Soil health
restored

6.
Water
resources
preserved

7.
Climate
protected

8.
Reduction
and safe use
of synthetic
inputs

9.
Biodiversity
enhanced

10.
Animal needs
respected



**Responsible
management**



**Community
engagement**



**Combination of traditional
knowledge and science**

The ten principles are based on three enabling requirements. The Managing Entity must fulfil the three requirements in order to enable the farmers to act according to the ten principles.

SYSTEM AND SCOPE

- Third-party verified farm-level standard
- Includes the entire farming system
- A Managing Entity supports associated farmers and ensures traceability
- Encompasses environmental, social, and animal welfare criteria
- Supports farmers, preserves biodiversity and promotes nature protection in cotton production
- Ensures full traceability starting at the ginnery level