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# Cotton Ginning Results – File Format - Help Note April 2007

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## Introduction

PAM QA Plus is a data management software program that allows primary producers to record and report production records on their enterprise.

To facilitate easy access to cotton bale information, PAM QA Plus has the ability to import bale data and save the farmer a lot of time with data entry.

This document explains the file format required for importing Cotton bale information into the PAM QA Plus software from gin(s), classer(s) and/or merchant(s) and should be passed onto the organisation that would like to create the cotton bale info files to be imported into PAM.

Should the organisation require more information than is contained in this file then they are welcome to contact Ag IT (details are at the top of this page).

Software Includes:

PAM QA Plus

### **File Format**

#### .CSV

.CSV stands for Comma Separated Values and is very easily created. You are easily able to export from a Microsoft Excel based spreadsheet into the .CSV file format.

## Notes:

- The file needs to be filled with the bale information only
- The Bale Number and Module Number fields are mandatory
- The column headers (descriptions) must be in the first line
- There is no set format/spelling or order required for column headers

#### **Available Fields**

In addition to the fields that are show on the next page with the example cotton bale .csv file, the following fields may also be present.

Bale Number \* *Must always be present* Module Number \* *Must always be present* 

Bale Weight (Lint kg)

Base Price/kg

Colour Code

Colour Discounts

Colour Premiums

Elongation

Grade Code

**Grade Discounts** 

**Grade Premiums** 

Gross Income

Leaf Code

Leaf Discounts

Leaf Premiums

Micronaire Range

Micron Discounts

Micron Premiums

Other Discounts

Other Premiums

Price Per Kg

Reflectance

SFI

Staple Code

Staple Discounts

Staple Premiums

Strength Code

Strength

# **Example File Content:**

This example file can be downloaded here: http://www.agit.com.au/downloads/files/Example Bale Data File.csv

Bale No, Module No, Bale Wgt, Colour, Leaf, Staple, Length, Micronaire, Uniformity, Strength, SFI, Elongation, Cnt

17286512,408942,217,21,3,37,1.17,4.3,79.8,34.9,11.2,5.1,14

17286513,408942,224,31,4,38,1.19,4.4,81.4,32,10.5,5.4,25.4

17286514,408942,252,31,4,38,1.19,4.4,81.4,32,10.5,5.4,25.4

17286515,408942,224,31,4,39,1.22,4.5,84.5,31.6,7.8,5.6,28

17286516,408942,240,31,4,38,1.19,4.4,81.4,32,10.5,5.4,25.4

17286517,408942,223,31,4,38,1.19,4.4,81.4,32,10.5,5.4,25.4

17286518,408942,236,31,4,37,1.16,4.3,79,33.5,11.8,4.8,32

17286519,408942,214,31,4,38,1.19,4.4,81.4,32,10.5,5.4,25.4

17286520,408942,223,31,4,38,1.19,4.4,81.4,32,10.5,5.4,25.4

17286521,408942,210,31,4,39,1.21,4.3,84.6,31.1,8.4,5.2,36

17286522,408942,227,31,4,38,1.19,4.4,81.4,32,10.5,5.4,25.4

# **Further Information:**

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