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## **Former President of National Cotton Ginners, Chair of SE Cotton Ginners, Levin Lynch, Joins Barnhardt**

**CHARLOTTE, NC**—Barnhardt announced today Levin Lynch, general manager of McColl Gin Co., Bennettsville, SC, past president of the National Cotton Ginners Assoc. and past Chair of the Southeastern Cotton Ginners Assoc., has joined Barnhardt Natural Fibers Group as an Account Manager for Purified Cotton.

“Levin knows cotton,” says Lewis Barnhardt, president and COO of Barnhardt. “He’s a fifth generation ginner with more than 18 years experience in the industry, and he’s gone way beyond that by becoming intricately involved in leadership roles in both the Southeastern and National Ginners associations. He’s passionate about cotton—it’s in his blood like it’s in ours—and we’re excited to have him join us.”

George Hargrove, vice president of sales and marketing for Barnhardt, says as account manager Lynch will be an integral member of the Natural Fibers Group. “Levin is an ideal addition to our Purified Cotton team. We’ve worked with him for many years. He understands the value we add by purifying cotton and the quality of the line of Purified Cotton fibers we offer, and he understands our intense focus on safety, quality, and purity. As Lewis said, Levin shares our passion and commitment and will hit the ground running.”

Lynch says his entire career has been an amazing opportunity to be involved first in his family’s farm growing cotton, then as GM of the ginning business. “Coming to Barnhardt just seems like the logical next step in my professional development. I certainly wouldn’t have left the ginning business for anyone else. I’ve worked with Lewis and George for years and I know how professional and progressive the company truly is. They are way ahead of the wave with their ultra-purification process, their cotton fiber products, their marketing, and their finished consumer products. I feel it’s the perfect time to join Barnhardt as

consumer packaged goods companies and converters are faced with increased demand pressure from retailers, who are being pressured by consumers for products made with natural, truly safe fiber. Barnhardt Purified Cotton should be the obvious choice. I expect to be awfully busy over the next few years helping fulfill that increasing demand.”

Lynch is a fifth generation farmer and cotton ginner. He holds a business degree with a double major in marketing and management from the University of South Carolina. Lynch currently lives in Florence, SC with his wife, Amy, and their three children: Davidson, Addie, and Drake.

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## **ABOUT BARNHARDT**

Thomas M. Barnhardt started Barnhardt Manufacturing Company in 1900 in Charlotte, NC, USA, home of the current world headquarters. Over 115 years later Barnhardt continues to be one of the only family-owned and operated cotton companies in the US, and the largest purified cotton producer in the world, earning them clear distinction of “The First Family of American Cotton.” Barnhardt operates facilities in N.C., Mass., Utah, Ga., and Fla. With almost 600 associates, Barnhardt’s family of brands include: Barnhardt Natural Fibers Group, Carolina Cotton, Dalton Foam, Carolina Absorbent Cotton, Richmond Dental and Medical, Kinston Fibers, NCFI Polyurethanes, and Intrinsic. For more information visit [www.barnhardt.net](http://www.barnhardt.net)

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