

Bio  
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My name is Kent Wannamaker and I am a sixth generation cotton farmer from St. Matthews, SC. My ancestors emigrated from Germany back in the 1800's and almost immediately began growing cotton upon their arrival. In addition to farming, my grandfather, a graduate of Clemson University in plant genetics, was also a cotton breeder. My current family farm is a diversified operation consisting of 2500 acres of cotton, peanuts and corn. I am part owner of a cotton gin, a peanut buying point and owner of a cottonseed rail loading facility. I incorporate conservation tillage on every acre farmed.

I am a graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor Degree in agronomy. I have been recognized by my peers for several awards including, South Carolina Farmer of the Year, High Cotton Award for the Southeast Region and Conservationist of the Year. I have been active in a number of civic and industry organizations where I currently serve as President of Southern Cotton Growers. This organization represents every cotton producer in the six states that comprise the Southeast Region.

I am married to my wife Mary Lil and have two married children, Kendall and Lindsey.