



## **William H. “Buddy” Allen**

### **President and Chief Executive Officer**

Buddy Allen serves as the President and CEO of American Cotton Shippers Association. Allen also serves as Secretary of the American Cotton Exporters Association as well as the World Cotton Exporters Association. In addition, he serves as a representative member on the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s Agricultural Advisory Committee. Most recently, Allen was elected to serve as Chairman of the Committee for International Co-operation Between Cotton Associations.

After earning his degree from the University of Mississippi, Allen gained Capitol Hill experience from both the Office of United States Senator Thad Cochran and his involvement in both The Macon Edwards Company and Delta Strategy Group government affairs firms, where he provided service to ACSA and other clients. Allen developed experience in agri-finance under the employ of Covenant Bank.



Allen is a founding partner in A & J Planting Company, a vertically integrated agribusiness in Tunica, Mississippi that encompasses related interests in production, ginning, custom aerial and ground applications, commercial grain storage and drying, trucking, retail seed and crop protection sales, and real estate.

In 2015, Allen was recognized by the White House as a “Champion of Change for Sustainable and Climate-Smart Agriculture” by the Obama Administration for his contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, overall improvement in environmental conditions, and growing local economies.

Allen is a native of Belzoni, Mississippi and resides in Tunica, Mississippi. He is married to the former Allison Johnson, and they have three daughters.