

Bergman/Rivera Farming Operation Achieves Regenerative Organic Certified® Silver Level

Bergman/Rivera's cotton farming operation becomes the sole cotton program worldwide to hold the Regenerative Organic Certified® Silver level.

Bergman/Rivera is proud to announce its cotton farming operation (**Inversiones Cuyo**) has officially achieved **Regenerative Organic Certified® (ROC™) Silver level**, marking a major milestone in regenerative agriculture and sustainable fiber production.

With this achievement, **Bergman/Rivera becomes the sole cotton program in the world to hold the Silver level** under the Regenerative Organic Certified® standard—one of the most rigorous and comprehensive agricultural certifications globally.

Regenerative Organic Certified® evaluates farming systems across three pillars: **soil health, animal welfare (where applicable), and social fairness**. Advancing from Bronze to Silver level confirms that Bergman/Rivera's program demonstrates consistent, verified regenerative practices at scale, delivering measurable environmental and social outcomes.

"This recognition reflects years of dedication, commitment, partnership in the field and across our supply chain," said [Mariela Calderon, Project Manager]. "It validates that regenerative agriculture, fair trade principles, and high-quality cotton production can advance together."

Why This Matters for Our Partners?

Cotton is among the most widely used natural fibers in the world, yet historically associated with high environmental and social impacts. Achieving ROC Silver level demonstrates that:

- Regenerative practices can be successfully implemented in smallholder and community-based cotton systems.
- Soil health, biodiversity, and water stewardship can be strengthened while maintaining fiber quality and traceability.

- Fair trade systems and worker protections can be deeply embedded in agricultural programs.

This milestone reinforces Bergman/Rivera's and its subsidiaries position as a long-term partner for brands seeking **credible, third-party-verified regenerative cotton solutions**.

A Shared Achievement

This accomplishment is the result of a collective effort. Bergman/Rivera extends its deepest recognition to:

- Our farm team for their technical leadership and daily commitment.
- Our Fair-Trade program implementors for ensuring strong social and governance systems.
- The producers and farming families who are the foundation of this program.

Looking Forward

Achieving ROC Silver level is both an honor and a responsibility. Bergman/Rivera will continue to invest in soil regeneration, water stewardship, climate resilience, and farmer livelihoods as it advances its regenerative roadmap.

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