

# Transitional Cotton

## *What is it?*

- 1. Organic cotton in conversion (also known as “transitional cotton”) is cotton that is grown during the 3 year period when farm land is converting from conventional to organic production.**
- 2. During this 3 year period, the method of farming transitional cotton is the same as organically grown cotton which means no pesticides, fertilizers or irrigation. Although residue from pesticides and fertilizers used during conventional farming may still be found in the soil.**
- 3. Farmers are at a financial risk because transitional cotton crop yields are initially lower and they are not able to obtain a premium price without certification. We need to support them so they can complete the process of becoming certified organic cotton providers and the organic industry can continue to grow.**
- 4. Purchasing organic cotton in conversion (“transitional cotton”) is a good way to support farmers through the difficult process of becoming certified organic cotton providers. In addition, cotton in transition to organic is beneficial to the environment, our families and communities and adds value to our products.**