

Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Selects Class XV

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Twenty-four individuals have been selected for the Texas Agriculture Lifetime Leadership program Class XV.

The two-year program, led by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, is an intensive study of agriculture worldwide that equips people in the agriculture industry to become leaders in their fields, according to Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, program director, College Station.

Also known as TALL, the competitive leadership development program that includes seminars with experts, on-site tours, meetings with business and government leaders, international study and personal skills improvement, he said.

The TALL XV 2016-2018 participants, including their home county, are: Ramon Alvarez, Cameron; Brett Bamert, Bailey; Jennifer Blackburn, Lubbock; April Bonds, Tarrant; Lee Burton, Shackelford; William (Pat) Carson III, Hall; Clifton Castle, Lubbock; Sarah Cortese, Lubbock; Patrick Dudley, Bastrop; Lauren Echols Decker, Jones; Grant Groene, Lubbock; Shane Halfmann, Brazos; Cody Harris, Anderson; Lacey Hoelting, Lubbock; Scott Irlbeck, Lubbock; John Coleman Locke, Wharton; Josh Louder, Tarrant; Daniel Luehrs, Nueces; Alicia Meinzer, Parker; Thomas Miller, Hopkins; Heath Reeves, Nueces; Jeffrey Sarchet, Wise; Kyle Watts, Smith; Remi Wright, Colorado.

For more information about the TALL program, visit <http://tall.tamu.edu>.

Don't Forget!

Signups are under way for the
Cotton Ginning Cost-Share Program!
Watch for a pre-filled form in the mail.

Return it to your local FSA office no later than Aug. 5!

This deadline WILL NOT BE EXTENDED!

More information at <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

Cotton Fiber Quality Conference Scheduled for August 4 in Lubbock

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Raising quality cotton means better products for the consumer and more return to the producer.

To ensure growers have all the information they need to make decisions that impact quality, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the Cotton Fiber Quality Conference and Tours on Thursday, August 4, in Lubbock.

The educational program will start with registration at 8 a.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294.

"Producing pounds of lint while maintaining quality fiber is always a challenge for cotton producers," said Danny Nusser, AgriLife Extension regional program leader in Amarillo and Lubbock.

"Topics related to harvest aids, equipment setting and care, irrigation timing, weed control, genetics, fertility, etc. are all late-season decisions producers make that impact this challenge. The goal of this program is to prepare producers with information that potentially helps them increase their return by increasing the quality of their product."

Morning tours will include:

Texas Cotton Quality in Developmental Research, Dr. Jane Dever, Texas A&M AgriLife Research cotton geneticist, and Dr. Carol Kelly, AgriLife Research associate, Lubbock.

Late-Season Timing of Irrigation for Maximum Efficiency and Quality, Dr. Dana Porter, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, Lubbock.

Quality Impact on Late Season-Fertility Decisions, Dr. Katie Lewis, AgriLife Research and Texas Tech University soil fertility researcher, Lubbock.

Cotton Growth and Development/Plant Growth Regulator Opportunities, and Harvest Aid Technology, Dr. Seth Byrd and Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension cotton agronomists, Lubbock and College Station, respectively.

Late-Season Cotton Weed Management, Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed and herbicide specialist, Lubbock.

Dr. Doug Steele, AgriLife Extension director at College Station, is the scheduled luncheon speaker. Steele will speak on the agency's mission and impact. He will be followed by the Plains Cotton Growers staff discussing agriculture legislative updates, producers' opportunities to get involved, and the 2016 crop outlook.

The next tours are set for 1:30 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Agricultural Research Service Cotton Production and Processing Research Unit, 1604 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294.

Presentations at this stop will include:

Harvesting and Ginning Effects on Cotton Quality, John Wanjura, agricultural engineer, USDA Production and Processing Research, Lubbock.

Cotton Market Update and the Value of Quality Fiber, Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist, Lubbock.

The day will end with a 3:30 p.m. tour of the Texas Tech University Fiber and Biopolymer Research Institute located at 1001 E. Loop 289 by Dr. Brendan Kelly, Texas Tech University cotton fiber researcher, Lubbock.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, one integrated pest management and two general, will be offered.

Nusser said there will be no charge for lunch or the program due to sponsor support, but an RSVP is requested by Aug. 1.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the local AgriLife Extension county office or Nusser at (806) 376-0051 or d-nusser@tamu.edu.