

ACP Reviews Farm Policy, Key Industry Issues

Friday, August 12, 2016 From the National Cotton Council
Farm policy was the focus of producer leadership at the summer meeting of the American Cotton Producers and Cotton Foundation members in Lubbock, Texas.

Chaired by Mike Tate, an Alabama producer, the ACP members and producer interest organization representatives received a detailed update on the ongoing discussions by the ACP Farm Policy Task chaired by Shawn Holladay, a Texas producer. Holladay reported that further analysis was still ongoing before the Task Force would be ready to make a recommendation on cottonseed and loan rate modification legislation. He expected the development of a recommendation on both issues in the near future.

NCC Chairman Shane Stephens reported on a recent trip to China by a NCC leadership delegation. Several other members of the delegation provided observations from the trip. This included the cooperative marketing representative, Kevin Brinkley of Lubbock, Texas, and the cotton producer participants: B.E. "Sonny" Davis, Jr., Cottondale, Fla.; Patrick Johnson, Jr., Tunica, Miss.; Doyle Schniers, San Angelo, Texas; and Greg Wuertz, Casa Grande, Ariz.

Kevin Wickey, regional conservationist for the central region of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, updated the attendees on proposed changes to the Conservation Security Program. Cotton Council International Executive Director Bruce Atherley reported on initial impressions since assuming his responsibilities, including outlining his vision for CCI in promoting U.S. cotton. Producers Richard Gaona, Roby, Texas, and Paco Ollerton, Casa Grande, Ariz., shared their observations as participants on a recent CCI Executive Delegation trip to Indonesia and Vietnam.

The reports by Stephens and Atherley also cited the importance of preventing lint contamination. Bill Norman, NCC's vice president, Technical Services, provided a detailed report on lint contamination, including a review of the primary contamination sources. Emphasizing that the US industry has not made significant progress in recent years toward improving on a goal of zero contamination, Norman reported on plans for new initiatives by NCC to meet that goal, including a detailed discussion with John Deere representatives.

Robbie Minnich, NCC senior government relations representative, reported on discussions with USDA's Risk Management Agency concerning the development of improved cotton crop insurance quality provisions and updates regarding STAX 2015 indemnities.

House Ag Committee Chairman Conaway to Speak at Plains Ginners Association Meeting

Plains Ginners Association will host their annual meeting and golf tournament on Tuesday, August 23.

The annual meeting will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock. The program begins at 8 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon.

Keynote speaker will be U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, who serves as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. Other speakers include Robbie Minnich with the National Cotton Council, Dr. Eric Hequet with Texas Tech University, and Dr. Greg Holt and Dr. John Wanjura with the USDA Ginning Lab in Lubbock.

For more information on the meeting, call Phillip Kidd at 806-292-2148. Please RSVP for the lunch to Julie Wheeler at PCG, 806-792-4904.

The golf tournament will follow the annual meeting. Registration will be at 1:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 2 p.m. The tournament will be held at the Meadowbrook Golf Course, 601 Municipal Drive in Lubbock.

To sign up for the golf tournament, call Darryl Dawson at 806-763-4371 or email darryl.dawson@adm.com.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

5th Annual
Celebrate Cotton Game
Saturday, Sept. 17
6 p.m.
Texas Tech Red Raiders
Louisiana Tech Bulldogs
Tickets start at \$25
Visit <http://bit.ly/TTUCottonGameTickets>
Promo Code: COTTON16



Upcoming Area Field Days

August 31 – Texas Alliance for Water Conservation Field Day, Edmonson, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Site directions and more information available at <http://www.tawc.us>.

September 8 – PhytoGen/Enlist Field Day, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. FM 1294, Lubbock. Two identical sessions; morning tour, 8:30 a.m. registration, ends with lunch; afternoon tour begins with lunch and ends at 4:30 p.m. Questions: Ken Legé, 806-773-7310, or your local PhytoGen sales rep.

September 15 - Americot Field Day, Bob Glodt Research Farm, Edmonson, TX. 9:30 a.m. registration, tour begins at 10 a.m.; ends with lunch. Questions: Gary Sanders, 806-777-4534; or Jerry Montgomery, 806-577-8011.

(“COTTON NEWS” continued on Page 2)

West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute Annual Conference – Tuesday, September 13

Early Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 31

Approved CEUs: 6 TDA, 6.5 CCA

See the program and register today!

<http://wtaci.tamu.edu>

September 20 - Americot Field Day, Inside 4 Bar K, 302 E. 82nd St, Lubbock. 9:30 a.m. registration, tour of the Heinrich Brothers farms begins at 10 a.m.; ends with lunch at Inside 4 Bar K. Questions: Gary Sanders, 806-777-4534; or Jerry Montgomery, 806-577-8011.

September 22 – Deltapine Field Day, Steve Chapman Farm near Lorenzo. 11 a.m., lunch served. Questions: Eric Best, 806-790-4646.

September 27 – Deltapine Field Day, Nichols Barn in Seminole. 10 a.m., lunch served. Questions: Eric Best, 806-790-4646.

September 29 – Bayer CropScience West Texas Field Day, location in the Lubbock area to be determined. Questions: contact your local Bayer CropScience sales representative.

If you have a field day to add to this list, please email maryjane@plainscotton.org or call (806) 792-4904.

Connect With PCG!

Find us on Facebook and Twitter

<http://www.facebook.com/plainscottongrowers>

<http://www.twitter.com/PCGNews>

Subscribe to PCG Email Services!

<http://ow.ly/gp7KZ>

CCI, Cotton Incorporated, U.S. Cotton Industry to Host Sourcing USA Summit

Friday, August 12, 2016 From Cotton Council International

The global cotton industry is gearing up to “Strengthen Enduring Partnerships” at the Sourcing USA Summit in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, from Nov 5-8, 2016. The Summit will provide attendees ample opportunities to network with industry counterparts from around the globe, with the goal of increasing U.S. cotton exports.

The Summit boasts 31 sponsors, a lineup of stellar speakers and a carefully constructed agenda focused on cotton production and processing, cotton innovations, the global cotton consumer, and major economic and policy factors affecting the market for cotton and cotton products.

Cotton Council International, Cotton Incorporated, and the U.S. cotton industry host the Sourcing USA Summit, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Services.

The 2016 Summit Exporter Sponsors include: Jess Smith & Sons Cotton Co.; White Gold Cotton Marketing LLC; Allenberg Cotton Co.; Cargill Cotton; Toyoshima; PCCA; Calcot, Ltd.; Omnicotton; COFCO Agri; Glencore; Staplcotn; Toyo Cotton; ECOM; JG Boswell; Cotton Growers Cooperative; Engelhart CTP (US) LLC; Olam Cotton; San Joaquin Valley Quality Cotton Growers Association; and Supima.

The 2016 Summit Allied Industry Sponsors include: Uster Technologies; Wakefield Inspection; Cargo Control Group; Cotton Outlook; Rieter Textile Systems; ICE Futures U.S.; CoBank; TransGlobal Inspections; Bayer CropScience; Applied DNA Sciences; Monsanto; and Murata Machinery, Ltd.

For more information on the Summit, please visit <http://www.sourcingusasummit.com>.

COTTON USA Executive Delegation Tours Southeast Asia

Friday, August 5, 2016 From Cotton Council International

A U.S. cotton industry Executive Delegation participated in a weeklong trip to Southeast Asia to promote the advantages of U.S. cotton to textile and garment leaders in Vietnam and Indonesia, which currently rank as the first and fifth largest export markets for U.S. cotton.

“The Executive Delegation was a great way for U.S. not only to tell the great story of U.S. cotton and our quality enhancement programs, but also to learn about the leading issues in Indonesia and Vietnam that can impact the success of doing business there,” Hope Brooks, Chairman of the American Cotton Shippers Association and VP of Cargill, said.

The delegation emphasized U.S. cotton’s benefits via presentations to mills and merchants and through meetings with local leaders in Vietnam and Indonesia. Presentations covered U.S. and world cotton economics, U.S. cotton quality updates, bale packaging and anti-contamination efforts, responsible cotton production, and updates on U.S. Pima cotton and Supima.

The group met individual mill owners, cotton buyers, the Vietnam Cotton & Spinning Association and the Indonesian Textile Association (API, Asosiasi Pertekstilan Indonesia). The group also toured a spinning mill that processes U.S. cotton, as well as a garment manufacturer. Cotton Council International staff and U.S. Embassy personnel briefed the delegation in both countries.

The delegation included: Keith Lucas (CCI President and VP, Carolinas Cotton Cooperative), Hope Brooks (ACSA Chairman and VP, Cargill); Jeff Johnson (ACSA representative and VP, Allenberg); Frederick Barrier (CCI Board Director, AMCOT representative and VP, Staplcotn); Richard Gaona (CCI Board Director, American Cotton Producers representative, Rolling Plains Cotton Growers President and Longworth Coop Gin affiliate); Paul “Paco” Ollerton (Arizona Cotton Growers President, American Cotton Producers representative and Olam Cotton Yellow Gin affiliate); Marc Lewkowitz (Supima President); and Will Bettendorf (CCI Director for Southeast Asia).

Within the ASEAN region, Vietnam and Indonesia rank as leading cotton spinners and textile/garment producers. In MY 2015 the U.S. exported almost 2.8 million bales to these countries, which accounted for 28% of all U.S. cotton exports.



**PLAINS
COTTON
GROWERS**

LEGISLATION. RESEARCH. PROMOTION. SERVICE.

Editor’s Note:

“Cotton News”, a weekly service of Plains Cotton Growers to the cotton industry and news media in the 41-county High Plains area, is mailed from Lubbock each Friday. Its contents are confined to news items and comments pertaining to the High Plains cotton industry which is so vital to us all. Anyone interested in making comments about the contents of this column can call 806-792-4904 or Email PCG at: editor@plainscotton.org