

August 31 is Early Registration Deadline for WTACI Meeting

Friday, August 26, 2016

From WTACI

The West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute will host their annual conference on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture, located at 1121 Canyon Lake Drive in Lubbock.

This year represents the 64th meeting of WTACI, an unincorporated organization of dealers, industry representatives, agricultural producers, scientists, educators, and agribusiness members who support education and research programs promoting safe and effective use of agricultural chemicals and protection and preservation of the area's natural resources.

Topics to be discussed at the conference include pesticide application and laws and regulations, crop rotation and nutrient management strategies, weed resistance and insect resistance management, farm policy, unmanned aerial systems in agriculture, and much more. A detailed list of presentations and speakers is available at <http://wtaci.tamu.edu>.

A total of 6 CEUs for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), and 6.5 CEUs for the Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) program will be available.

Pre-registration is available online at <http://wtaci.tamu.edu/Registration.html>. On-line registration fees are \$75 for conference attendees and \$300 for a booth and must be completed or postmarked by August 31. On-site registration will begin at 7 a.m. the day of the conference and will cost \$95 for attendees and \$325 for booth sponsors. Lunch will be provided as part of the registration fee.

Opportunities also exist to contribute to the WTACI Scholarship Fund, which has provided more than \$60,000 in scholarships to students majoring in agricultural fields at many Texas universities.

Contact Ken Legé at 806-773-7310 or KELege@dow.com, or Shawn Wade at (806) 792-4904 or shawn@plainscotton.org for questions about the program and CEU's. If you have trouble or questions regarding registration contact David Pointer, 806-746-4021 or dlpointer@ag.tamu.edu.

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6 p.m.

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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.

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.

CCI Concludes Fact-Finding Mission to Xinjiang

Friday, August 19, 2016

From Cotton Council International

Cotton Council International representatives have completed a fact-finding mission to Xinjiang, China, which revealed that the region is rapidly developing its textile complex. China's large textile conglomerates are already expanding their operations to the region, with hopes of placing Xinjiang at the center of textile trade moving west toward Europe.

The CCI team met with Xinjiang Bingtuan leaders, the China Cotton Association, China Cotton Industrial Group, farmers and textile industry executives. The demand for quality cotton and cotton yarns in China continues to grow, while partnerships with Chinese entities are extending across borders as the supply chain evolves.

Findings from the trip show that Xinjiang is advancing its textile complex within the next 10 years to install 20 million spindles. Garment manufacturing is based in three main hubs - Korla, Aksu and Shihezi. Plantings in the Yellow and Yangtze River areas are predicted to shrivel in coming years, while the Xinjiang crop experiences a gradual decline.