

Celebrate Cotton Game Set for September 17; Tickets Still Available

Friday, September 9, 2016

By Mary Jane Buerkle

Those in the cotton industry who want to see the Texas Tech Red Raiders take on Louisiana Tech in the Celebrate Cotton game on Saturday, September 17, at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock have a special promotional code to purchase tickets to that game.

Seats are limited, so be sure you have your game tickets by visiting <http://bit.ly/TTUCottonGameTickets> and entering COTTON16, or calling the Texas Tech Ticket Office at (806) 742-TECH (8324) and asking for the Cotton Game special pricing.

Individual tickets start at just \$25 each with the promo code, and the game time is at 6 p.m. Season tickets also are still available for purchase.

PCG has proudly partnered with Texas Tech Athletics to establish this fun event that puts the High Plains cotton industry on a national stage. Cotton will be everywhere before and throughout the game, from displays around the stadium to promotion, special graphics and fun cotton facts during the game. Fans are asked to wear white to the game.

Special gameday T-shirts, sponsored by PCG and Scarborough Specialties, will be distributed (first-come, first-serve!) and cotton bales will line each entrance to the stadium, each with signage talking about what the cotton in that bale can make or how it impacts our economy. Farmers Cooperative Compress assists with providing the bales.

The Celebrate Cotton Runway Show, featuring cotton products, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 10, in the Grand Court at South Plains Mall. Models will take the runway wearing the latest in cotton fashion.

Partners for Celebrate Cotton include AgTexas Farm Credit Services, BASF, Bayer CropScience, Cavender's, City Bank, Crop Production Services, Deltapine, Eco-Drip, Netafim, NexGen, Hurst Farm Supply, and Wylie Implement and Spray Centers.

Several additional cotton-related activities are scheduled during Cotton Game week.

The Texas Cotton Association will host their Flow Meeting Thursday and Friday, September 15 and 16, at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center.

They also will partner with the Lubbock Cotton Exchange and the Texas Independent Ginners Association to host the "Teeing Off for Cotton" scholarship golf tournament on Thursday, September 15, at The Rawls Course.

The West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute Annual Conference will be Tuesday, September 13. The Texas Ag Industries Association will host their annual meeting on Wednesday, September 14. Both of those meetings will be at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock.

If you have an event to add to Cotton Game week, or for more information on any of these events, please call PCG at (806) 792-4904, email maryjane@plainscotton.org, or visit <http://www.plainscotton.org/CelebrateCotton.html>.

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

Approved CEUs: 6 TDA, 6.5 CCA

See the program at <http://wtaci.tamu.edu>

Upcoming Area Field Days

September 15 - Americot Field Day, Bob Glodt Research Farm, Edmonson, Texas. 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 16 - Texas Tech Quaker Farm Field Day, 200 N. Quaker (just north of the intersection of Fourth Street and Quaker Avenue). Registration begins at 8 a.m., tours begin at 9; ends with lunch. Questions: Reagan Anders, 806-239-5604.

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, Rackler Drip Farm, Levelland (11 miles west on TX 114, 2 miles north on FM 303). 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, Bayer CropScience Idalou Breeding Station, 3.2 miles east of Idalou on U.S. 62/82 next to Apple Country Orchards. 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.

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Last Month to Comment on Atrazine/Propazine

Friday, September 9, 2016 From National Sorghum Producers
Growers have less than a month to submit Federal Register comments on the importance of atrazine, propazine and simazine to their operations. Comments regarding the re-registration of these agrochemicals are due by Oct. 4, 2016. If the Environmental Protection Agency continues to use the same false logic or endpoints as noted in the preliminary assessment, atrazine would be rendered useless in controlling weeds on 90 percent of sorghum acres in the U.S., effectively eliminating the product. Learn more or comment directly at <http://sorghumgrowers.com/sorghumalert/>.