

## Tickets Available for Celebrate Cotton Game

Friday, August 17, 2018

By Mary Jane Buerkle

Those in the cotton industry who want to see the Texas Tech Red Raiders take on Houston Cougars in the seventh annual Celebrate Cotton game have a special promotional code to purchase tickets. The game will be Saturday, September 15, at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock. Kickoff is at 3 p.m.

Purchase your tickets by visiting <http://bit.ly/TTUCottonGameTickets> and entering COTTON18, 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 \$35 each with the promo code. Season tickets also are still available for purchase.

PCG and other ag industry supporters proudly have 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.

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 held Thursday, September 13, at South Plains Mall. Sponsorships are available for that event.

Gameday partners include Nutrien Ag Solutions; Cavender's; BASF; City Bank; FiberMax; AgTexas Farm Credit Services; Netafim; NexGen; Winfield United; Hurst Farm Supply; and Wylie Implement and Spray Centers.

A complete list of additional events during Cotton Game week is available at <http://www.plainscotton.org>. 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 or email [maryjane@plainscotton.org](mailto:maryjane@plainscotton.org).

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## Mid-South Cotton Producers to See Texas Operations

Eleven cotton producers from the Mid-South will see cotton and other agriculture-related operations in Texas on August 20-23 as part of the 2018 National Cotton Council's (NCC) Producer Information Exchange.

Sponsored by Crop Science, a division of Bayer, through a grant to The Cotton Foundation, the P.I.E. is now in its 30th year

and has exposed more than 1,100 U.S. cotton producers to innovative production practices in Cotton Belt regions different than their own.

Specifically, the program aims to help the cotton producer participants boost their farming efficiency by: 1) gaining new perspectives in such fundamental practices as land preparation, planting, fertilization, pest control, irrigation and harvesting; and 2) observing firsthand the unique ways in which their innovative peers are using current technology. A unique program benefit is that the participants get to ask questions of both the producers they visit on the tours and the producers from their own region that they travel with during the week.

NCC's Member Services staff, in conjunction with local producer interest organizations, conducts the program, including participant selection.

The tour participants are: Alabama – David Bryant, Jacksonville; Jason Eubanks, Leesburg; and Stanley Free, Centre; Arkansas – Jason Bennett, Joiner; and Wes Kirkpatrick, Tillar; Louisiana – David Branch, Oak Ridge; and Marshall Branch, Rayville; Mississippi – Coleman Thomas, Oxford; and Will Boggan, II, Sumner; Missouri – Chris Porter, Essex; and Tennessee – Ken Luckey, Humboldt.

The tour will begin on August 20 in Lubbock where the group will get an overview of the Texas High Plains from Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett and hear a presentation on weed management in the High Plains. They also will learn about soil health and fertilization techniques during visits to the Belt Farm and the Olson Farms in Plainview before touring the Vista Grande Dairy there.

The next day, the group will see wine grape growing at Southwest Ag Specialties in Sundown and then travel to Levelland where they will learn about drip irrigation, no till with drip irrigation, and crop rotation at Carter Farms before touring the United Cotton Growers Gin and the Diamond Ethanol Plant.

The next two days will be spent in the state's Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Valley regions.

On August 22 in Corpus Christi, the producers will observe module truck manufacturing at the Stover Equipment Company and look at a fertilizer terminal at Gatefront LLC before visiting the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service cotton classing operation. They also will tour the Edcot Coop Gin in Odem, a Bayer field trial site in the area, the Gulf Compress in Portland and the Smith Gin Coop in Odem before touring area cotton farms.

On August 23, the group will travel to the Rio Grande Valley and tour the Valley Coop Oil Mill in Harlingen where they also will be updated on boll weevil eradication status in the Rio Grande Valley from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. Their tour will conclude with a visit to the Colimar International Weslaco warehouse in Weslaco and a look at cotton farms in that area.

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## Plains Ginners Association Sets Annual Meeting, Golf Tournament for August 30

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House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway will be the keynote speaker at the Plains Ginners Association's Annual Meeting on Thursday, August 30, at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock.

Registration for the meeting begins at 7:30 a.m., and the program begins shortly after 8 a.m. In addition to Chairman Conaway, speakers include U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington; Shelley Heinrich with The Cotton Board; Dr. Darren Hudson with the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Texas Tech; and Kody Bessent with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Lunch will be served at noon.

Association dues are \$60 annually, and members are encouraged to bring a dues check or mail it to Plains Ginners Association, P.O. Box 25, Ropesville, TX 79358.

Please RSVP for lunch to Julie Wheeler at Plains Cotton Growers by Thursday, August 23, by calling (806) 792-4904 or emailing [julie@plainscotton.org](mailto:julie@plainscotton.org). For more information on the meeting, call Chris Berry at (806) 893-2783.

Registration for the golf tournament begins at 1:30 p.m., with a shotgun start at 2 p.m. at 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](mailto:darryl.dawson@adm.com).

**Upcoming Crop Tours, Field Days, and Seed Cotton Program Meetings**  
 See the list at [www.plainscotton.org](http://www.plainscotton.org)

## West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute Annual Conference Set for September 11

*Pre-Registration Deadline is August 31*

Friday, August 17, 2018

From WTACI

The West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute will host their annual conference on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture, located at 1121 Canyon Lake Drive in Lubbock.

This year represents the 66th 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 ag and regulatory policy, pesticide training and certification, pest management, chemical application, cotton quality and irrigation management, crop management challenges, weed control across Texas, and legal issues in herbicide and pesticide application. A detailed list of presentations and speakers soon will be available at <http://wtaci.tamu.edu>.

A total of at least 6 Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) CEUs are pending at this time.

Pre-registration is available online at <http://wtaci.tamu.edu/Registration.html>. On-line registration fees are \$75 for conference attendees and must be completed or postmarked by August 31. Booth fees start at \$300. 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 Shawn Wade at (806) 792-4904 or [shawn@plainscotton.org](mailto:shawn@plainscotton.org) for questions about the program and CEU's. If you have trouble or questions regarding registration contact David Pointer, 806-746-6101 or [dlpointer@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dlpointer@ag.tamu.edu).

## Upcoming Meetings and Field Days

**August 21-22** - Quickbooks Pro Short Course hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., **Amarillo**. Registration \$150, includes computer use and teaching materials. Class size limited. More info or RSVP: DeDe Jones, 806-677-5667, [dljones@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dljones@ag.tamu.edu) or Kim Garcia, 806-677-5600.

**August 28** - Randall County Ag Day and Crops Tour, 8:30 a.m., Kuhlman Extension Center, 200 N. Brown Road, **Canyon**. Three CEUS (1 drift minimization, 2 general). RSVP by August 24, 806-468-5543.

**September 6** - Texas Alliance for Water Conservation Field Day, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Floyd County Unity Center, **Muncy**. No charge, lunch served, 7 CCAs available. More info: <http://www.tawc.us>

**September 10** - Hemphill County Mini-Ag Conference, Hemphill County Exhibition Center, Sand Sage Room, 10865 Exhibition Road, **Canadian**. Registration \$25/person and begins at 8 a.m., program 9 a.m. Lunch provided. More info: Andy Holloway, 806-323-9114, [Andy.Holloway@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Andy.Holloway@ag.tamu.edu)

**September 11** - West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute Annual Conference, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Bayer Museum of Agriculture, **Lubbock**. \$75 registration fee before August 31, \$95 after August 31 and on-site. Lunch included. At least 6 TDA CEUs pending. More info: <http://wtaci.tamu.edu>.

**September 11-12** - Quickbooks Pro Short Course hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294 north of **Lubbock**. Registration \$150, includes computer use and teaching materials. Class size limited. More info or RSVP: DeDe Jones, 806-677-5667, [dljones@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dljones@ag.tamu.edu) or Kim Garcia, 806-677-5600.

**September 19** - Lubbock area PhytoGen/Enlist Field Day, TAMU Agrilife Research and Extension Center, and an area on-farm trial. Registration at 8:30 am, ends with lunch. More info: Ken Lege, 806-773-7310.

**September 20** - Plainview area PhytoGen/Enlist Field Day, Location TBD. Registration at 8:30 am, ends with lunch. More info: Ken Lege, (806) 773-7310.

**September 27** - FiberMax Field Day, location & time TBD.

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