

PCG Relocates to New Offices

Friday, September 20, 2019

By Mary Jane Buerkle

Years of planning came to fruition this week as Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., officially relocated to new offices at 8303 Aberdeen Avenue in Lubbock.

The PCG Board of Directors authorized the move last year and construction on a new building began shortly thereafter. Some highlights of the new space include additional offices and a 1,000-square-foot conference room designed to host meetings and other events, complete with a full kitchen.

“We’re proud to share this new space with our members, and want it to be a place where they can gather and feel comfortable,” PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. “This is not just our building – it belongs to our entire membership, and we greatly appreciate the support of our Board of Directors in helping ensure that we remain progressive and forward-thinking with regard to the future of our organization. This building is a part of that process.”

The phone number remains the same at 806-792-4904. The staff plans to host an open house in December.

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NCC to Conduct Farm Law Educational Webinars

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 From the National Cotton Council

Now that sign-up for the 2018 farm law has begun, National Cotton Council staff will be conducting farm law education webinars. The dates and times (all Central) are:

Monday, September 23, 8:00 am

Wednesday, September 25, 8:00 am

Thursday, September 26, 10:00 am

All cotton industry members and other interested parties are urged to participate and access this timely information. Organizations or individuals also are encouraged to relay this information to their respective financial institutions and other agri-businesses. All webinars will cover the same information on Seed Cotton ARC/PLC election, 2019 and 2020 crop enrollment, marketing loan provisions, program eligibility provisions and the Economic Adjustment Assistance for Textile Mills.

Any questions can be forwarded to the NCC office or the appropriate NCC Member Services representative.

For this webinar, guests will need to use **Zoom** software. To connect, click <https://cotton.zoom.us/j/589146147>. (If this is your first experience with the Zoom software, you will be prompted to

download the Zoom client). Please include your personal email address. Also, if you are hosting a group session, when prompted, please provide the number of participants. *If you have difficulty joining the webinar, email Michelle Huffman at mhuffman@cotton.org or Shawn Boyd at sboyd@cotton.org for assistance.*

Please note that all audio will be through your computer, tablet or smartphone as there is no conference line audio provided. Participants will be unable to verbally ask questions. All questions will be submitted electronically via Zoom client and answered orally by the presenter. An electronic version of the PowerPoint presentation will be available prior to the webinar at the NCC’s website in the 2018 Farm Bill portal (Members Only).

In addition to the webinars, the NCC continues to update resources at <http://www.cotton.org/issues/2018/fminfo.cfm>. A list of frequently asked questions and answers will be posted following the webinars along with a series of short YouTube videos focusing on specific provisions of the 2018 farm law.

Upcoming Field Days and Crop Tours

September 24 - Crop Tour and Cotton Boll Golf Scramble, 8 a.m., G.C. Broughton Jr. Ag Complex on the Howard College campus at 2411 Echols St., Big Spring. Golf scramble at Big Spring Country Club to follow lunch. More information: Tommy Yeater, CEA-Ag/NR, 432-264-2236, 432-466-3131 or [t-yeater@tamu.edu](mailto:tyeater@tamu.edu).

September 26 - BASF Cotton Product Field Day - 9 a.m., BASF Cotton Breeding Station, 1405 SE Loop 289, Lubbock. More information: contact your local BASF rep.

October 3 - PhytoGen Field Day – Registration 8:30 a.m., 9 a.m., start at Texas Tech Quaker Farm before moving to Vardeman Farms on FM 1585. Catered lunch to follow. More information: Kassadi Rinehart, 806-680-4158, Ken Lege, 806-773-7310, or Gary Sanders, 806-777-4534.

October 10 - Deltapine Field Day - 10 a.m.-Noon, Nichols Farm, 701 FM 181, Seminole. More information: Eric Best, (806) 790-4646.

Cotton Board Seeks Entries for 2020 Calendar Photo Contest

Monday, September 16, 2019

From The Cotton Board

The Cotton Board wants to see your best cotton photos. One winning photo will be selected and featured in The Cotton Board’s 2020 Industry Calendar.

To be eligible to win, contestants must first “like” The Cotton Board on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/TheCottonBoard>) and then email their high-res jpeg photo to sgorman@cottonboard.org. Up to three entries per contestant will be considered. The contest ends on Monday October 7, 2019 at noon, CST. Cotton Board staff will vote to determine the winning photo.