

Cotton Incorporated to Host “Cotton and Coffee” on October 20

Cotton Incorporated encourages growers to participate in their upcoming “Cotton and Coffee” program scheduled for **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**, at 7:30 a.m. Central via a Zoom web call.

Join **Kim Kitchings**, Senior Vice President of Consumer Marketing and **Anne David**, Director of Advertising at Cotton Incorporated. They will discuss Cotton Incorporated’s efforts to engage today’s consumers with content that will make them care about cotton.

Registration is complimentary, but you must register to attend, so please contact your local Cotton Board Regional Communications Manager. The two covering Texas are Shelley Heinrich, 806-670-3250, sheinrich@cottonboard.org; or Christi Short, 469-951-6161, cshort@cottonboard.org.

U.S. Trust Protocol Grower Webinars

October 13 – 15, 2020

<https://trustuscotton.org/enrollment-webinar-live-sessions/>

Texas AgriLife Extension Agricultural Pesticide Waste Collection – October 21st

September 2020 From Texas AgriLife Extension Service
The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, along with the Texas Department of Agriculture, will be holding an agricultural pesticide waste collection drop-off event on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020**. This event will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Plains Fairgrounds (105 E. Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79403).

“If you have unwanted, surplus agricultural pesticides this is an opportunity to safely and properly dispose of them,” said **Danny Nusser**, AgriLife Extension Regional Program Leader, Amarillo / Lubbock. “We’re glad to be able to offer this service to producers in our local community and surrounding regions.”

This is a drive-up service and those dropping off will remain inside their vehicle. Pesticides need to be in their original containers, even if the label is not present. Unknown pesticides will be tested onsite.

Items that will accept include outdated, discontinued or unwanted pesticides; insecticides; herbicides; fungicides; rodenticides; nematicides; growth regulators; empty, triple-rinsed plastic pesticide containers; and empty or partial metal drums.

Unacceptable items include explosive ordinances and ammunition; petroleum-based products; paints; medical wastes; radioactive substances; household pesticides, chemicals and waste; tires; fertilizers; propane or butane cylinders; chlorinated hydrocarbons; fumigant canisters; used motor oil and other automobile fluids; auto batteries; empty totes; methyl-bromide cylinders; and dioxins.

Virtual Format Set for 2021 Beltwide Cotton Conferences

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 From The National Cotton Council
The National Cotton Council announced recently they will conduct the 2021 Beltwide Cotton Conferences (BWCC) virtually on January 5-7 due to continued concerns regarding COVID-19’s spread.

The BWCC, coordinated by the National Cotton Council (NCC), annually brings together university and USDA researchers, regulatory agencies, extension personnel/agents, consultants, and industry sales/support personnel to exchange information about new products and production/processing systems that can be tailored to individual farming operations for maximum efficiency.

Those planning to participate in the 2021 live-stream event must register at the BWCC’s website, www.cotton.org/beltwide/, which will continue to be updated as program information becomes available.

Registration will continue after the virtual 2021 BWCC concludes to permit registered participants access to the event’s on-demand content.

Registration costs for the 2021 BWCC have been reduced due to the virtual format: \$180 for NCC/Cotton Foundation members, university and USDA researchers, extension personnel, associations and consultants; \$500 for non-U.S. research, extension, associations, and consultants; \$350 for non-NCC/Foundation members; and \$75 for students.

The 2021 BWCC will begin at 8 a.m. on January 5 with the half-day Cotton Consultants Conference (open to all attendees). Among topics planned for this session are a National Weather Service discussion of prediction models/long range forecasting, as well as university cotton physiologists describing weather models’ influence on cotton physiology decisions including growth regulator use and leaf shed practices. EPA officials will review the availability status of dicamba and other plant protection chemistries, and a panel will discuss *Bt* resistance management and EPA’s new proposed requirements. Participants also will get an update on cotton leafroll dwarf virus and product updates from various agribusiness companies.

The eleven BWCC cotton technical conferences, which now includes the Cotton Sustainability Conference, will provide updates on research, and current and emerging technology. Those sessions will meet concurrently beginning on the afternoon of January 5 and conclude by 5 p.m. on January 7.

PCG Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 14 • 9 a.m.
Bayer Museum of Agriculture, Lubbock, Texas