

**Texas International Cotton School
37th Session, 2017 – Week One**

Monday August 7 @ FBRI	Tuesday August 8 @ FBRI	Wednesday August 9 @ FBRI	Thursday August 10 @ FBRI	Friday August 11 @ FBRI
8:30-9:00 a.m.: Opening Remarks	8:30-10:45 a.m.: Cotton Phenomics Lab Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brendan Kelly, <i>Texas Tech University</i> 	8:30-10:30 a.m.: Cotton From Field to Fiber <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Wanjura, <i>USDA- ARS Cotton Production Research</i> Greg Holt, <i>USDA- ARS Cotton Gin</i> 	8:00-10:00 a.m.: Visit Bayer CropScience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cory Mills, <i>Bayer CropScience</i> 	7:30-9:00 a.m.: PCG Meeting <i>Travel to FBRI</i> 9:00-9:15 a.m.: Group Picture
Break 10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break 10:45-11:00 a.m.	Break 10:30-10:45 a.m.	Drive to FBRI	Break as time allows
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.: Molecular Basis of Cotton Fiber Initiation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venu Mendu, <i>Texas Tech University</i> 	11:00-12:30 p.m.: Fiber Properties and Measurements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brendan Kelly 	10:45- 12:30 p.m. From Fiber to Yarn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khawar Arain, <i>Texas Tech University</i> 	10:30-12:30 p.m.: Pima Cotton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marc Lewkowitz, <i>SuPima</i> 	9:30-11:00 a.m.: Precision Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaylon Morgan, <i>Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension</i>
11:15 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Cottonseed Biotechnology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eric Best, <i>Monsanto</i> 				11:15-12:30: The Seam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Pryor, <i>The Seam</i>
Lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.
<i>Depart for Heinrich Farm</i> 1:45-3:00 p.m.: Production Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seth Byrd, <i>Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension</i> 3:00-4:30: Tour of Cotton Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burt and Shelley Heinrich, <i>Heinrich Brothers Farm</i> 	1:30-3:30 p.m.: Fiber Properties and Contaminants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brendan Kelly 	1:30- 3:30 p.m.: Yarn to Fabric <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khawar Arain 	1:30-4:30 p.m.: Overview of Chemical Process and Tour of Lab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noureddine Abidi, <i>Texas Tech University</i> 	1:30-3:30 p.m.: Cotton Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Messura, <i>Cotton, Incorporated</i> <i>Break 3:30-3:45 p.m.</i> 3:45-5:15 p.m.: Bale Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marsha Heron, <i>Cotton, Incorporated</i>
Return to hotel	Return to Hotel	Drive to Classing Office	6:00 p.m. Depart for dinner	Return to Hotel
		4:00-5:00 p.m.: Tour USDA Classing Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Danny Martinez 	6:30-8:30 p.m.: TICS Social Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cast Iron Grill 	

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Monday August 14 @ TTU- AFS 102A	Tuesday August 15 @ TTU- AFS 102A	Wednesday August 16 @ TTU- AFS 102A	Thursday August 17 @ PCCA	Friday August 18
8:30 –9:30 a.m.: Visit Lubbock Cotton Growers Gin	8:30-10:30 a.m.: Trade Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly Womack, <i>CoBank</i> 	8:30-10:30 a.m.: Marketing of Government Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawn Wade, <i>PCG</i> 	8:30-10:45 a.m.: Marketing Futures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barnes Kingsbery, <i>Barnes Kingsberry, LLC</i> • Louis Barbera, <i>ICAP Cotton & Softs</i> 	<p>END OF SCHOOL</p> <p><i>Congratulations 2017 TICS graduates!!!</i></p>
<i>Drive to campus</i>	<i>Break 10:30-10:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Break 10:30-10:45 a.m.</i>	<i>Break 10:45-11:00 a.m.</i>	
10:00- 12:00 History of the Cotton Industry & Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Verett, <i>PCG</i> Advocating for Cotton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Jane Buerkle, <i>PCG</i> 	10:45- 12:30 p.m.: Marketing Overview & The Merchant’s Role <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grady Martin, <i>PCCA</i> 	10:45-12:00 p.m.: Delivery & Taking Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darren Newton, <i>Glencore</i> 	11:00-12:00 p.m.: International Arbitration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlos Garcia, <i>PCCA</i> 	
<i>Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m.</i>	
1:00-2:30: Cotton Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Rekerdres, <i>Rekerdres & Sons Insurance Agency, Inc.</i> 	1:30-3:00 p.m.: Cotton Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorena Ruiz, <i>International Cotton Advisory Council</i> 	1:00-3:00 p.m.: International Market Promotion & CCI Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dahlen Hancock, <i>DJ&J Farms</i> 	1:00-3:00 p.m.: Marketing: Cotton Exports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Joseph, <i>International Cotton Marketing, Inc.</i> 	
<i>Break 2:30-2:45 p.m.</i>	<i>Travel to Bayer Museum of Agriculture</i>	<i>Depart for Compress</i>	<i>Return to Hotel</i>	
2:45-4:30: Overview of global Marketing Chain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean Ethridge, <i>Texas Tech University</i> 	3:30-5:00 p.m.: Visit Bayer Museum of Agriculture	3:30- 4:30 p.m.: Visit Farmers Coop Compress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Nettles 		
<i>Return to hotel</i>	<i>Return to Hotel</i>	<i>Return to Hotel</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. Depart for dinner</i>	
			6:00-8:30 p.m: Special Cotton School Dinner: TICS Graduation! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Taylor’s House 	