

Texas International Cotton School

44th Session, 2025 – Week One

Monday August 4 @ FBRI	Tuesday August 5 @ FBRI	Wednesday August 6 @ FBRI	Thursday August 7 @ FBRI	Friday August 8 @ FBRI
8:30-9:00 a.m.: Opening Remarks 9:00-10:30 a.m.: History of the Cotton Industry, Systems & Advocating for Cotton • Kody Bessent, PCG • Kara Bishop, PCG	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.: Tour BASF • Mark Mayo, BASF	8:30 – 9:45 a.m.: Tour Lubbock Cotton Growers Gin • Jerry Butman, LCG	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.: Tour of USDA Cotton Phenomics Lab • Danny Martinez, USDA Classing Office	7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Plains Cotton Growers Meeting • PCG Office
	Return to FBRI Break 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Return to FBRI Break 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Return to FBRI Break 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Return to FBRI Group Picture Break 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.
Break 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	10:30 – 12:00 p.m. Production Systems • Ken Lege, Texas A&M AgriLife	10:15 – 11:45 p.m.: Field to Gin • Greg Holt, USDA-ARS Cotton Gin	10:30 – 12:00 p.m.: From Fiber to Yarn • Khawar Arain, TTU	9:45 – 11:15 a.m.: Field to Brand; focus on traceability • Daren Abney, U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Cottonseed Biotechnology • Corey Thompson, Bayer	Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lemon Pepper Chicken & Baked Meatloaf	Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Pork Chops & Grilled Chicken	Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Fried Catfish & Smoked Gouda Chicken	Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. BBQ Chicken & Brisket
Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Chicken Fried Chicken & Smothered Pepper Steak	1:00 – 2:15 p.m.: Overview of Chemical Process & Lab Tour • Nouredine Abidi, TTU	1:00 – 1:45 p.m.: Tour of FBRI Micro Gin • Khawar Arain, FBRI	1:00 – 2:45 p.m.: From Yarn to Fabric • Khawar Arain, TTU	1:00 – 2:45 p.m.: Bale Selection • Marsha Heron, Cotton, Incorporated
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.: Precision Agriculture • Irish Pabuayon & Yazhou Sun TTU				
Break 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Break 1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Break 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Break 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.
2:45 – 4:00p.m.: Breeding Strategies • Carol Kelly, Texas A&M Agrilife	2:30 – 3:45 p.m.: Cotton: From Field to Fiber • John Wanjura, USDA-ARS Cotton Production Research	2:00 – 3:45 p.m.: Fiber Properties, Measurements & Contaminants • Brendan Kelly, TTU	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.: Cotton Sustainability • Donna McCallister, TTU	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.: The Seam • Charles Garner, The Seam
Depart for Heinrich Brothers Farm 4:00 p.m.	Depart for MTS 3:45 p.m.	Break 3:45 – 3:50 p.m.	Return to Hotel to Rest & Change for Dinner	Return to Hotel
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.: Tour of Cotton Farm • Burt Heinrich, Heinrich Brothers Farm	3:50 – 4:30 p.m.: Tour of MTS Kimbell Manufacturing • Alex Arellano, MTS	3:50 – 5:00 p.m.: Organic Cotton • Jeremy Brown, Broadview Agriculture	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. TICS Social Dinner – Café J	

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Monday August 11 @ FBRI	Tuesday August 12 @ FBRI	Wednesday August 13 @ FBRI	Thursday August 14 @ PCCA	Friday August 15
8:30-10:15 a.m.: Marketing & The Merchant's Role • Mike Canale, PCCA • Adam Durham, ADM	8:30-10:15 a.m.: Visit PYCO Cotton Seed Oil • Robert Lacy, PYCO	8:30-10:15 a.m.: Cotton Insurance • Adam Rekerdres, Rekerdres & Sons Insurance Agency, Inc.	8:30-10:45 a.m.: Marketing Futures • Louis Barbera, ICAP Cotton & Softs • Barnes Kingsbery	End of School Congratulations!
Break 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break 10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	
10:30-12:00 p.m.: Delivery & Taking Delivery • Darren Newton, Ed&F Man Commodities	10:30- 12:00 p.m.: Pima Cotton • David Canale, Telmark	10:30 – 12:00 p.m.: Overview of Global Marketing Chain • Darren Hudson, TTU AAEC	11:00-12:00 p.m.: Macro Economics & Hedge Funds • Elias Kraushaar	
Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Citrus Chicken & Salisbury Steaks	Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Fried Chicken & Italian Pork Chops	Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Beef & Chicken Fajitas	Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Capital Pizza	
1:00-2:30 p.m.: Government Programs & Crop Insurance • Shawn Wade, TTU	1:00-1:45 p.m.: Intl Market Promotion, • Carlos Garcia, PCCA	1:00-2:30 p.m.: Controlling • Kim Hanna, Trans Global Cotton	1:00- 3:30 p.m.: Round Table Discussion • Local Presenters	
2:45-3:45 p.m.: Trade Finance • Tammi Chock, PCCA	1:45-2:30pm: CCI Overview & Intl Arbitration • Abigail Hoelscher, PCCA,		Return to Hotel	
Break 3:45 – 3:50 p.m. Drive to FCC	Break 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	4:50 p.m. Depart for Dinner	
4:00-5:00 p.m.: Visit Farmers Coop Compress • Steven White	2:45-4:00 p.m.: Cotton Economics • Parkhi Vats, International Cotton Advisory Committee	2:45-4:00 p.m.: Sustaining Mill in USA • Mike Quin Gildan (Zoom)	5:00 – 8:30 p.m.: TICS Graduation Dinner • FiberMax Center for Discovery	
		Drive Museum		
		4:30-5:30 p.m.: FiberMax Center for Discovery • Dan Taylor		