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Industry Calendar

June 1—3
Ginners Annual
Meeting—
Monterey

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California Cotton Ginners Association 2016 Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend what will be a fun, informative, and relaxing Annual Meeting of



the California Cotton Ginners Association at the Monterey Marriott Hotel in beautiful downtown Monterey. This year's Annual Meeting will be held June 1st through the 3rd. Please make your hotel reservations by **May 13th**, identifying yourself with the group name **CA Cotton Ginners Association** to ensure the Association's special room rate and space availability. The group rates for rooms are \$169 and are available to extend through the weekend. Reservations can be made by calling the Monterey Marriott at **Reservations: (831) 649-4234** or visit their **website at: <http://www.marriott.com/>**. This year's Association Golf Tournament will be held at the Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside. Black Horse, a 7,024-yard, par-72 layout, features sweeping vistas of the Pacific and is highlighted by fescue-framed fairways, bunkers with distinctive, serrated edges and slickly-contoured greens. The par-3 15th, created during the renovation, faces the bay and is sure to emerge as one of the great holes on the Peninsula. It should be an exciting and enlightening time in Monterey!

Association Meets with ARB on Proposed Forklift and TRU Regulations

Association President/CEO Roger Isom and Director of Regulatory Affairs Jodi Raley attended a meeting with the California Air Resources Board on the proposed next versions of the Large Spark Ignited (LSI) Regulation, which regulates forklifts and floor sweepers/scrubbers, and the Transportation Refrigeration Unit (TRU) Regulation. The first steps in this process is to "survey" the industry, and the Association reviewed and commented on the proposed survey and how it would be carried out for cotton gins. Following this meeting, the Association will be conducting a survey for the industry that will be used to help formulate the rule. This was conducted in the original forklift rulemaking and one of the reasons the ag provisions of the forklift rule where much more lenient than the general business requirements. It is this level of involvement in the process that will hopefully provide the best outcome possible given the state's air quality issues.



P.I.E. Tour – Producers Information Exchange – Sponsored by The Cotton Foundation and Bayer CropScience

Since 1989, the PIE Program has fostered valuable communication between cotton producers – among peers in their own region and in differ-

ent regions. This Cotton Foundation Special Project is sponsored by Bayer CropScience and is managed by NCC's Member Services staff in cooperation with state and regional producer interest organizations. The program works to help participants gain new perspectives with the goal of increasing productivity and profitability. More than 1,200 U.S. cotton producers have been exposed to innovative production practices as well as the diversity of agriculture in different regions. Regional rotations change annually in order to expose the greatest number of producers to the most diversified production practices and crop mixes available. In 2015, the program sent producers from the Southeast to California with the Mid-South hosting producers from the Southwest region. Producers from the West visited Georgia and Mid-South producers toured farming operation in Texas. All of these efforts create a better understanding within the Council's membership of the challenges and opportunities that each region's producers face, and help to achieve consensus among them which is one of the Council's greatest assets. Participants must be actively engaged in cotton production and must be 21 years old. Spouses cannot accompany participants on the tours. Please contact the following NCC Member Service Representatives if you are interested in participating in this important program: **Mike Brueggemann** (mbrueggemann@cotton.org / 559-696-6823)

Association Supports Agricultural Equipment Trade-Up Program

Association President/CEO Roger Isom testified this week at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Governing Board Meeting in support of the Air District's proposed "Trade-Up Program". The new program would be funded by \$500,000 in Cap & Trade Funds from the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The money would be used to purchase new agricultural equipment (tractors and harvesters) to replace existing Tier 2 and Tier 3 agricultural equipment. Then, rather than crushing the Tier 2/3 equipment, it would be provided free of charge to growers to replace existing Tier 0 equipment that might not otherwise be replaced due to financial constraints or limited use. The Tier 2/3 tractors will be inspected and the Air District will spend up to an additional \$5,000 to repair this equipment for use. A big focus will be on harvesting equipment which tends to have a low use. The new pilot program will go into effect later this summer, and the Association is already lining up growers and equipment for the pilot program. If it is successful, it could lead to a more permanent program.

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Update

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWB) has begun conducting outreach and educational meetings for interested stakeholders, as well as the overall public, on their recently proposed order. The East San Joaquin WDR Proposed Order is a draft regulation that will essentially eliminate all of the work being done through the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The changes made to the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program through this Draft Order include the re-designation of all areas within California as being Highly Vulnerable threats to groundwater, the power to collect and organize Farm Evaluation Plans and Nitrogen Management Plans no longer sits with the Coalitions and that same information will be submitted directly to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWB), as well as require wells that supply drinking water to communities be monitored continuously. These changes directly affect the functionality of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, and also add a significant burden to the Regional Water Board to collect and store all of the data. Pursuant to the release of the draft Proposed Order, watershed coalitions have begun meeting with SWB representatives in an effort to find some ways to push back. WAPA also took the opportunity to voice concerns over recent actions by meeting with **Pamela Creedon**, Executive Officer for the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Creedon voiced as much concern over the proposed changes and the adjustments that her department will need to make in order to satisfy their burden in receiving this information. The Association then took the time to meet with **Felicia Marcus**, Chair of the State Water Board. Marcus took a more defensive stance of the proposed order, stating that she felt confident the Board would be able to handle the changes the proposed order creates. The Association has also found opportunities to participate in Coalition led meetings, which focus primarily on the areas of the proposed order that can be challenged and possibly thrown out. Comment letters for the ESJ Proposed Order are due by May 18th. A public workshop will be held at the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District on May 17th. The Coalitions would like to encourage as much grower participation at the public workshop, so if you would like to attend, feel free to contact **CCGGA's Director of Technical Services, Chris McGlothlin**.

CCGGA Talking Pesticides In D.C.

CCGGA Director of Regulatory Affairs, Jodi Raley, traveled to Washington, D.C. with other agricultural commodity representatives from across the country to meet with multiple agencies and congressmen regarding the enor-

VISALIA CLASSING OFFICE

WEEK ENDING

Final 2015-2016

**UPLAND - CA
CLASSED**

WEEK

SEASON
129,762

<i>MIKE</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
2.4 - 2.6	0.0
2.7 - 2.9	0.2
3.0 - 3.2	0.6
3.3 - 3.4	0.6
3.5 - 4.9	95.2
5.0 - 5.2	3.1
5.3 & Over	0.3
AVERAGE	4.35

<i>COLOR GRADE</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
11	45.0
12	0.8
21	30.4
22	0.6
23	*
31	17.3
32	1.3
41	3.5

<i>LENGTH</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
33	0.3
34	1.9
35	9.1
36	23.5
37	44.8
38	13.8
39	5.6
40	0.8
41	0.1
42	*

<i>EXTRANEIOUS MATTER</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
Total Bark	1.3
Total Grass	0.1
Total Seed	*

<i>STRENGTH</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
25	*
26	*
27	0.1
28	0.8
29	2.1
30	3.8
31	6.9
32	9.8
33	13.9
34	19.8
35	19.2
36	18.8
37	3.2
38	1.2
39	0.3
40	0.1

AVERAGE 32NDS 36.79

<i>UNIFORMITY</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
76.5 - 79.4	5.3
79.5 - 82.4	86.2
82.5 - 85.4	8.4
AVERAGE	81.37

<i>STRENGTH</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
31	6.9
32	9.8
33	13.9
34	19.8
35	19.2
36	18.8
37	3.2
38	1.2
39	0.3
40	0.1
AVERAGE	33.94

<i>LEAF</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
1	16.2
2	58.9
3	22.1
4	2.4
5	0.3
6	*
7	*
AVERAGE	2.11

**UPLAND - ROLLER
CLASSED**

WEEK

SEASON
39,781

<i>MIKE</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
2.4 - 2.6	*
2.7 - 2.9	0.1
3.0 - 3.2	0.7
3.3 - 3.4	0.4
3.5 - 4.9	97.4
5.0 - 5.2	1.4
5.3 & Over	*
AVERAGE	4.41

<i>COLOR GRADE</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
11	9.3
21	47.3
22	6.5
31	13.6
32	5.0
41	6.5
42	6.6
51	1.1

<i>LENGTH</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
34	0.0
35	*
36	0.6
37	3.3
38	15.1
39	36.6
40	31.4
41	12.0
42	0.8
44	*

<i>EXTRANEIOUS MATTER</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
Prep Level 1	*
Total Bark	*
Total Grass	0.1
Total Seed	0.7
Spindle	*

<i>STRENGTH</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
25	0.0
26	*
27	*
28	*
29	0.1
30	0.4
31	1.8
32	3.3
33	5.1
34	15.1
35	29.2
36	27.2
37	12.6
38	4.0
39	0.9
40	0.2

AVERAGE 32NDS 39.30

<i>UNIFORMITY</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
76.5 - 79.4	0.1
79.5 - 82.4	17.6
82.5 - 85.4	82.1
Over 85.4	0.1
AVERAGE	83.02

AVERAGE 35.24

<i>LEAF</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
1	10.6
2	50.5
3	33.5
4	4.5
5	0.6
6	0.2
7	*
AVERAGE	2.34

PIMA CLASSED

WEEK

SEASON
415,729

<i>MIKE</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
2.5 - 2.6	*
2.7 - 2.9	0.5
3.0 - 3.2	1.7
3.3 - 3.4	3.2
3.5 - 3.6	9.3
3.7 - 4.2	76.9
4.3 - 4.9	8.4
AVERAGE	3.91

<i>COLOR GRADE</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
01	32.6
02	43.7
03	18.4
04	4.2
05	0.9
06	0.2

<i>LENGTH</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
40	*
42	*
44	0.9
46	15.5
48	71.4
50	11.9

<i>EXTRANEIOUS MATTER</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
Total Prep	0.0
Total Bark	0.2
Total Grass	*
Spindle Twist	0.3

<i>STRENGTH</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
35	*
36	0.4
37	1.2
38	2.6
39	2.9
40	3.4
41	5.8
42	10.3
43	14.5
44	19.0
45 & Over	40.1

AVERAGE 32NDS 47.90

<i>UNIFORMITY</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
83	0.4
84	4.4
85	23.3
86	54.2
87	16.6
88	1.0
89	*
AVERAGE	85.80

AVERAGE 43.32

<i>LEAF</i>	
WEEK	SEASON
1	20.5
2	53.5
3	21.9
4	3.4
5	0.4
6	0.1
7	0.2
AVERAGE	2.10

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rious regulatory pressures crop protection tools are facing. The collective group hammered the message that tools, such as neonicotinoids and chlorpyrifos, are critical to producing a safe and reliable food and fiber supply. Meetings over several days included sit downs with **EPA Assistant Administrator Jim Jones, USDA Deputy Secretary Michael Scuse, Senate Ag Committee, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Congressmen David Valadao, staff of Congressmen McCarthy** and staff of **Senator Dianne Feinstein**. In addition to educating the leadership on the safe practices these tools are used under, the group asked of both the senate committees and representatives to exercise oversight on EPA actions and hold the Agency accountable for following sound scientific practices when

making policy decisions. The group also asked of the EPA to consult with USDA and utilize stakeholder input when drafting policy changes that impact agriculture.

SAP Convenes for Chlorpyrifos Discussions

In Washington DC, FIFRA's Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) gathered to consider data and studies that the EPA was wanting to include to push the revocation of all US tolerance of chlorpyrifos chemistry. What appears to be EPA's basis for the dramatic regulations centers around an epidemiology study referred to as the Columbia study. The association has opposed the inclusion of this study on the basis that EPA does not have the raw data of the study and it would be veering from "sound science," to include information that EPA themselves can't lookover. The SAP advised the EPA that the Columbia study should not be sole argument due to the lack of raw data, it being a one time and non replicable study and that the findings of the study may indicate association to chlorpyrifos exposure but not evidence. While this was encouraging news to hear, we will await for the SAP report expected to be released in a couple months summarizing discussions for the panel gathering.