Course Outline and Registration Information

Entering its 34th year of classes, the ginners school will be offered at three locations in 2020. Cooperators for the school include USDA-ARS, National Cotton Ginners’ Association and its member associations, National Cotton Council, Cotton Incorporated, gin machinery/equipment manufacturers and suppliers, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Services, and select land grant universities.

National Cotton Ginners Association
P.O.Box 2995
Cordova, TN 38088-2995
www.cotton.org/NCGA/ginschool

Southwest Ginners School
March 30 - April 1, 2020
South Plains Ginning Laboratory
1604 East FM 1294
Lubbock, TX  79403

Western Ginners School
May 5-7, 2020
Southwestern Cotton Ginning Research Laboratory
300 E. College St.
Mesilla Park, NM  88047

Stoneville Ginners School
June 2-4, 2020
USDA Ginning Research Laboratory
111 Experiment Station Rd
Stoneville, MS  38776

Course Outlines

Each level of ginners school coursework is built on the previous level of instruction, with Level I as the foundation. Therefore, the school’s coordinators strongly recommend that beginning students, regardless of gin experience, start with Level I. Please note that CE courses are offered the first two days of the respective school.

Level I
- Introduction to Cotton Ginning and the Industry
- Maintenance of Auxiliary Gin Components
- Basic Hydraulics
- Basic Gin Safety
- Maintenance and Adjustments for Seed Cotton Cleaners, Gin Stands, and Lint Cleaners
- Air Utilization and Drying
- Electricity in the Gin

Level II
- Purpose and Operating Principles of Individual Gin Machines
- Efficient Operation, Adjustment, and Maintenance of Gin Equipment
- Pneumatics and Waste Collection
- Electrical Systems
- Hydraulic Systems
- Gin Safety
- Management Tips

Level III
- Review of Functions of a Ginning System
- Electrical Systems
- Air Systems in the Gin
- Drying and Moisture Restoration Systems
- Matching Machinery Capacities in the System
- Seed Cotton Unloading Systems and Management of Seed Cotton Handling Systems
- Bale Presses and Hydraulic Systems
- Safety Programs and Labor Regulations
- Cottonseed Handling Systems

Continuing Education Course Offerings in Development:
In addition to three levels, all schools will feature a two-day Continuing Education (CE) course.
Topics for each school are currently being developed and may vary with regional interests and speaker availability.

Please note the CE courses are the first two days of the schools. Monday and Tuesday for the Southwest school and Tuesday and Wednesday for the Western and Stoneville, Mississippi schools.

Additional Information

For questions or more information about any aspect of the school, call:

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National Cotton Ginners’ Association
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Southwest School
Greg Holt
South Plains Ginning Laboratory
(806) 746-5353

Stoneville School
Jana Jackins
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Western School
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Southwestern Cotton Ginning Research Laboratory
(575) 526-6381
Cotton Ginner Certification Program

In conjunction with the schools, National Cotton Ginners’ Association is offering a Cotton Ginner Certification Program.

Certification Program requirements are:

- Completion of all three levels of instruction or, with equivalent experience for Level I, completion of Levels II and III.
- Red Cross Standard or other OSHA-approved first aid certification.
- Written recommendation from an established ginner, detailing the applicant's knowledge, skill, experience, and character.
- Satisfactory performance on a comprehensive written examination covering practical aspects of gin operation.
- Minimum three years experience working for a commercial ginning operation.
- Upon completion of the initial certification requirements, continuing education course work credit will be required to maintain certification. Continuing education courses will be offered in conjunction with all three 2020 schools. Continuing education registration information will be mailed to participants in the certification program.
- The Certification Program is optional for each school participant. The Certification Program written examination will be offered at each school in 2020.

Register Online at www.cotton.org/NCGA/ginschool and click on the Gin School Registration Link

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