

**2019 Cotton Ginning Conference Schedule  
New Orleans Marriott**

Wednesday, January 9, 2019: 1:30 PM-5:30 PM

**Stan Creelman**, Presiding

- 1:30 PM        Quality of 2018 Cotton Crop. - **Robbie L. Seals**, USDA-AMS
- 1:45 PM        Field Evaluation of Lummus Gin Machinery – 2018. **Ross D. Rutherford**, Lummus Corporation
- 2:00 PM        Maximizing Ginning System Efficiencies - **Michael Greene**, Cherokee Fabrication
- 2:15 PM        New Product Developments from Lummus – 2018. **Mark D. Cory**, Lummus Corporation
- 2:30 PM        Gin Utilization of RFID Technology - **Rene G. Garcia**, Edcot COOP Gin
- 2:45 PM        Update on the Development of a System for Tracking Modules Using RFID Technology – **John D. Wanjura**, USDA-ARS
- 3:00 PM        Round Cotton Module Handling Efficiency - **Robert G. Hardin**, Texas A&M University
- 3:15 PM        Break
- 3:30 PM        Preserve Your Profits Quality Seed Management - **Michael Prachar**, Tri-States Grain Conditioning
- 3:45 PM        Testing of a Plastic Detection and Removal System for Round Module Wrap on the Gin Stand Feeder Apron – **Greg A. Holt**, USDA-ARS
- 4:00 PM        Bringing Optical Sorting Options to the Cotton Industry - **Jeff Smith**, Bratney Companies
- 4:15 PM        Experience from Installation and Operation of Plastic Detection/Removal Systems in Two Commercial Gins - **Mathew G. Pelletier**, USDA-ARS
- 4:30 PM        Tama USA – 2018 - **Mike Bieber**, Tama USA
- 4:45 PM        Cotton Sort -- Proof of Concept - **Ruixiu Sui**, USDA-ARS
- 5:00 PM        On-Gin Detection of Plastic Contaminants in Seed Cotton Using Hybrid Color and Laser-Scattering Images – **B. Xu**, University of North Texas
- 5:15 PM        Plastic Contamination and Unwrapping - **Bill Lipsey**, Lipsey GinTech, Inc.
- 5:30 PM        Adjourn

Thursday, January 10, 2018: 8:15 AM-11:15 AM

**Wes Morgan**, Presiding

- 8:15 AM An Update on Seed Size and Hull Strength Issues – **Michael K. Dowd**, USDA-ARS
- 8:30 AM Seed Size Considerations in Cotton Variety Development - **Jane K. Dever**, Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- 8:45 AM Panel Discussion - Seed Size for Better or Worse  
Moderator – **Greg Holt**, USDA-ARS  
Producer/Ginner – **Richard Kelley**, Burlison Gin  
Cottonseed Crusher – **Robert Lacy**, PYCO  
Whole Cottonseed Merchandiser – **Nigel Adcock**, Cottonseed, LLC  
Equipment Manufacturer – **Joe Thomas**, Lummus  
University Cotton Breeder - **Jane Dever**, Texas A&M University  
USDA-ARS Researcher – **Michael Dowd**, Southern Regional Research Center
- 10:00 AM Evaluation of Prototype High-Capacity Roller-Gin Reclaimers - **Derek P. Whitelock**, USDA-ARS
- 10:15 AM Saving Energy in Cotton Gins – **Paul Funk**, USDA-ARS
- 10:30 AM Variable SPEED BELT - an Efficient Method to Controlling Incoming Feed- **Mike Gvili**, Advanced Sensing and Controls
- 10:45 AM Development of Stoneville Air-Bar Cotton Lint Cleaner - **Ruixiu Sui**, USDA-ARS
- 11:00 AM Student Paper Award Presentation **Robert Hardin**, TAMU