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Beltwide Cotton Conferences

January 5-7 • Live Virtual Conference



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The Beltwide Cotton Conferences (BWCC) speed the transfer of new technology to U.S. cotton producers and other industry members with the goal of strengthening U.S. cotton's competitive position in the world marketplace and enhancing industry members' profitability.

Coordinated by the National Cotton Council (NCC) and its cooperating partners, this annual forum is recognized as the global champion for cotton technology transfer. Three days of individual reports, panel discussions, and seminars are designed to enlighten industry members about the latest research developments and their practical applications in cotton production and processing. The reports are subsequently made available online on-demand and USB drive and on the Beltwide web site at <https://www.cotton.org/beltwide>.

While cotton industry members recognize the wealth and range

of information made available through these reports, they also gain valuable information from fellow attendees - processors, researchers, extension, consultants, agribusiness representatives and others. This dialogue among all who have a vested stake in a healthy U.S. cotton sector helps industry members tailor new products and production/processing systems to their operations for maximum efficiency.

The Conferences' success can be attributed to the alliance of the NCC and its many partners. Federal and State Agricultural Experiment Stations, the Cooperative Extension Service, Universities, USDA, Cotton Foundation members, news media and other regional and national cotton organizations all contribute and support the Beltwide Cotton Conferences. This partnership leads to increased U.S. cotton industry productivity and profitability.

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General Information

The information below, along with conference updates and online meeting registration can be found on the Beltwide web site. Visit <https://www.cotton.org/beltwide> for the latest information about the Conferences.

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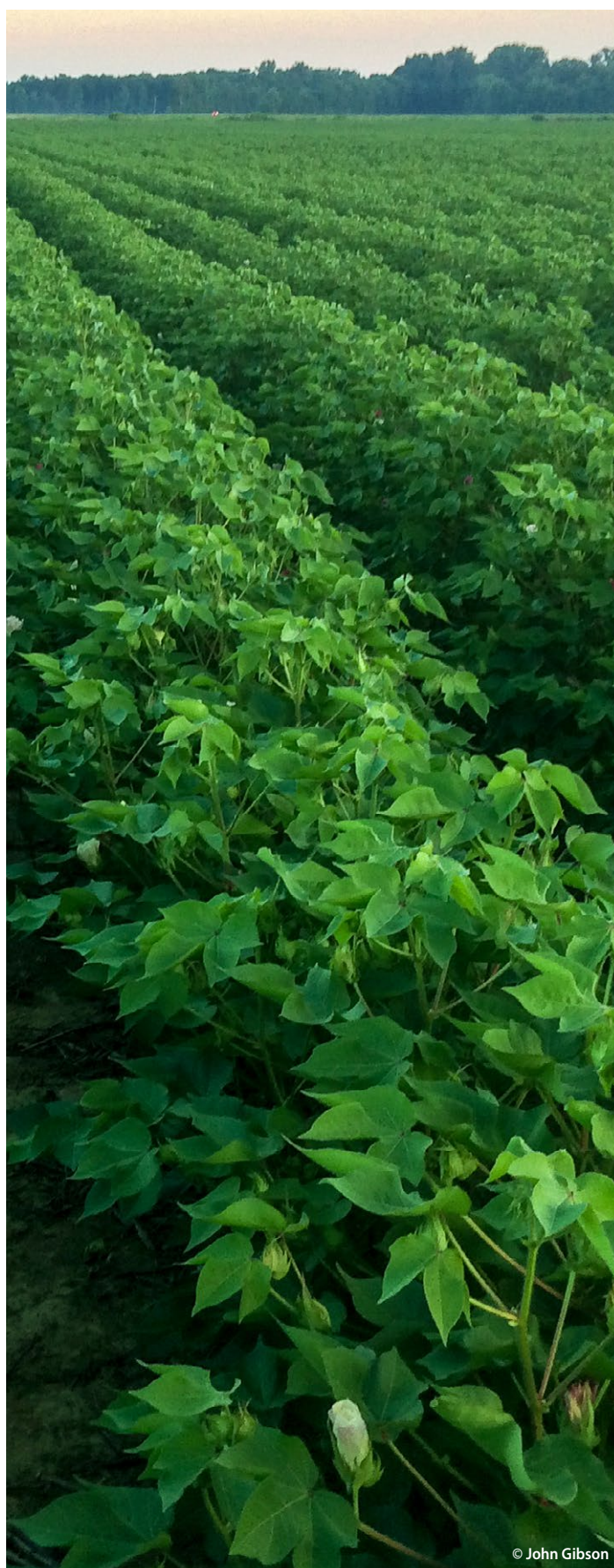
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CEU Information

Providing blanket application of continuing education unit (CEUs) credits by Beltwide Cotton Conferences (BWCC) staff on attendees' behalf is no longer offered.

The CEU application process has always been tailored to each certifying entity's (state regulatory or association certifier) individual CEU requirements. Until recently, the application process across certifying entities was relatively uniform. However, the application process among the various states has now diversified to the point that it is no longer feasible for BWCC staff to provide blanket CEU application service. It also should be noted that two state certifying entities (MO, FL) no longer accept the BWCC program for CEU credits.

Technical Conference programs are robust enough to serve as a source of CEU credits for several technical disciplines. Individuals are encouraged to apply for credits themselves based on their level of participation in the BWCC programs.





Tentative Schedule At A Glance

Live Virtual Conference

See final program for detailed schedule posted in early December

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cotton Consultants Conference

(Open to all registered attendees)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Technical Conferences

(Hours posted in final schedule)

- Cotton Sustainability Conference
- Cotton Agronomy, Physiology, and Soil Conference
- Cotton Disease Council
- Cotton Economics and Marketing Conference
- Cotton Engineering-Systems Conference
- Cotton Ginning Conference
- Cotton Improvement Conference
- Cotton Insect Research and Control Conference
- Cotton Quality Measurement Conference
- Cotton Weed Science Research Conference

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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- Cotton Agronomy, Physiology, and Soil Conference
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Thursday, January 7

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Technical Conferences

Tuesday, January 5

Cotton Consultants Conference

The Cotton Consultants Conference is comprised of invited presentations to help satisfy the technical needs of cotton consultants and others involved in agronomic and pest management decision making. This conference is open to all individuals who desire technical pest management and production related updates.

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Cotton Sustainability Conference

The Cotton Sustainability Conference is a forum for participants from the entire cotton value chain to discuss and promote continuous improvement in the sustainability of US cotton. Participation from universities, producers and consultants, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and brands and retailers will allow for a holistic conversation of current sustainability trends in the industry. This forum will also cover new sustainability programs and best management practices; industry, brand, and retail sustainability goals; market opportunities and downstream perspectives.

Cotton Agronomy, Physiology and Soil Conference

The Cotton Agronomy, Physiology and Soil Conference provides a forum for a discussion of the life processes of cotton plants and interactions among plant and soil variables that affect crop performance and profitability. Presentations and posters will focus on topics ranging from molecular biology to applied agronomic research. This includes recent and on-going research that addresses broad topics related to all aspects of cotton production, including, but not limited to rotations, plant nutrition, fertilizer formulations, fertilizer application rates and techniques, beneficial use of wastes (manures and biosolids), tillage methods, irrigation technology, remote sensing, and precision agriculture. Research presented will include basic studies designed to provide a better understanding of these life processes to studies on the genetic, chemical, biological and physical means of manipulating the cotton physiology of the plant for higher yield and improved fiber quality. Applied research relating to physiological aspects of cotton growth, production and management are also part of the program.

Cotton Disease Council

The Cotton Disease Council represents all areas of cotton disease and nematode research, extension, teaching, industry and production. Participation is open to all individuals with an interest in diseases and nematodes of cotton. The program includes formal presentations and posters relating to diseases and nematodes of cotton.

Cotton Economics and Marketing Conference

The conference addresses a wide range of topics including marketing, production, consumer demand, trade, policy analysis, and risk management. The conference will include a Cotton Economics Forum which will explore issues and perspectives related to market outlook, policy and trade issues. Subsequent session presentations and poster displays from researchers in industry, government and academia will focus on improving understanding of the marketing and economic factors affecting the cotton industry.

Cotton Engineering-Systems Conference

The conference provides an opportunity for discussions between engineering researchers and individuals from other industry segments. Engineers and other researchers from industry, universities and federal agencies present information on an array of engineering solutions to problems in cotton production, harvesting and processing.

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Cotton Ginning Conference

The Cotton Ginning Conference provides a forum for researchers and industry representatives to exchange information on new technology to improve gin operation efficiency and the preservation of fiber quality. Industry issues are addressed by researchers and industry experts covering areas such as innovative management strategies, energy conservation, contamination, environmental regulations and compliance, labor law compliance and safety.

A joint session with the Cotton Engineering Systems Conference will include the most recent cotton ginning and harvesting research results, with a primary focus on those related to cotton ginning and harvesting, environmental quality measurements and fiber quality preservation.

Cotton Improvement Conference

The Cotton Improvement Conference focuses on breeding and genetics research and development, including classical and newer molecular approaches. The conference provides a forum for scientists and representatives from both industry and public institutions to share the results of their research and development efforts among plant breeders, applied and molecular geneticists, other research scientists and the public.

Cotton Insect Research and Control Conference

The Cotton Insect Research and Control Conference highlights the latest developments in cotton insect pest management with technical papers and posters, and a student paper competition. A blend of university and industry presentations provides technical as well as practical information to farmers, agricultural consultants and crop managers.

Cotton Quality Measurements Conference

The Cotton Quality Measurements Conference provides an opportunity for researchers focused on aspects pertaining to cotton quality and the measurements of cotton quality to share their research. The conference includes presentations on active and recent research pertaining to instruments and procedures used to measure and evaluate the diverse properties of cotton fibers. Issues being faced in this field include the measurement challenges in cotton breeding and biotechnology programs, global competition and discussions of a universal classing system, and the acceptance of globally recognized cotton standards and cotton testing conditions. The conference is a forum for discussing relationships among fiber quality, processing efficiency and product quality as well as measurement characteristics such as fiber length distribution, fiber neps and contamination (e.g., trash, seed coat fragments and stickiness) along with new developments in measurement and fiber evaluation technology.

Cotton Utilization Conference

The Cotton Utilization Conference is concerned with the marketability of cotton fiber as a manufacturing raw material. Submitted papers will explore the latest research into practical aspects of cotton competitiveness on the global textile market in both conventional and nonconventional applications (e.g., apparel, home furnishing, technical textiles, nonwoven...). This includes all aspects of cotton fiber processability, textile yarn and fabric manufacturing, finishing technology, and end-use. This Conference provides an excellent opportunity for cotton researchers to formulate research goals for new and expanded markets in cotton textile and para-textile applications. Cotton Weed Science Research Conference.

Cotton Weed Science Research Conference

The Cotton Weed Science Research Conference will include paper and poster presentations highlighting the latest research on weed management systems in cotton. Papers will emphasize practical and economical weed control programs involving overviews of new herbicides and technological advances, control options for weed control and resistance management, weed control in reduced tillage and row-spacing systems, and management systems for various herbicide tolerant traits.

Registration Information

All attendees must register online at <https://www.cotton.org/beltwide>. Registration opens September 18 and will continue after the conference to access on-demand content.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Full refunds will be granted if the request is received in writing by Monday, December 14, 2020.

Registration fee includes

- All meetings of the Beltwide Cotton Conferences
- Poster Board Portal Viewing
- Access to more than 600 technical papers
- Upon request, one copy of proceedings on Flash Drive mailed mid-May, 2021 (extra charge will apply). An electronic version of the proceedings may be accessed through the Beltwide web site for Beltwide attendees and all NCC and Cotton Foundation members.

Registration Fees

NCC/Cotton Foundation Members; U.S. Research, Extension, Associations, and Consultants	\$180.00
U.S. Non-Members of NCC or Cotton Foundation	\$350.00
Students of U.S. Educational Institutions	\$75.00
International Participants	\$500.00

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