

Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Cohort XVI Visits High Plains

Friday, October 26, 2018

By Mary Jane Buerkle

The Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Program's Cohort XVI spent this week learning about agriculture on the Texas High Plains.

TALL XVI participants, who are agricultural industry leaders from across Texas, toured several places in and around Lubbock, including the Bayer cottonseed facility, a cotton field with drip irrigation, the Lubbock Cotton Growers gin and the USDA-AMS Cotton Classing Office. Dan and Linda Taylor hosted the group at their home for a dinner. They also heard from Dr. Bill Brown, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech; PCG's Kody Bessent, and other commodity organizations before touring the Animal and Food Sciences building at Texas Tech. That evening, a reception was held for the group at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture where TALL alumni and others with an interest in the program had an opportunity to meet the class members. The TALL South Plains Agriculture Leadership Award was presented to Texas Corn Producers at the reception, and outgoing South Plains TALL Alumni President Tanya Foerster with Capital Farm Credit was honored for her dedication and commitment to the TALL program.

Wednesday morning, the group travelled to Levelland to the Conestoga Diamond Ethanol Plant and then on to Muleshoe, where they toured Bamert Seed Co. The group also heard from Joe Osterkamp with Stonegate Farms, Jason Coleman, general manager of the High Plains Underground Water District, Keith & Brenna Burch with Burch Family Vineyards, and Clifton Castle with Kunafin "The Insectary". They visited DeWitt's High Plains Dairy, Caviness Beef Packers, Sweet Bran, and Scott Seed.

The class spent the remainder of the week in the Amarillo area before coming back to Lubbock. Scheduled visits included West Texas A&M University, Timber Creek Veterinary Hospital, MicroBeef Technologies, Snack Pak 4 Kids, Lone Star Dairy Products, and Swisher County Cattle Co. The group enjoyed another reception at the Amarillo Club on Thursday evening.

The two-year TALL program, led by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, is an intensive study of agriculture worldwide which equips people in the agriculture industry to become leaders in their fields. The course focuses on international communications, ecology, government, policy, economics, social issues and education opportunities. For more information about TALL, see <http://tall.tamu.edu>.

Signup Deadline for Seed Cotton Program

December 7

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AgriLife Extension Training to Kick-off Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show Nov. 27

Monday, October 22, 2018

From AgriLife TODAY

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a day of training during the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show on Nov. 27 in the Grand Plaza of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo.

The Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium will offer six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – two general, two integrated pest management, one laws and regulations and one drift – and six certified crop advisor units.

Registration will be \$60 at the door and begins at 8:15 a.m. The program will start at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. The program will end by 4 p.m., at which time attendees can pick up CEU and CCA certificates.

Topics and speakers include: Grain Weed Control, Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo; Insect ID and Control in Feed Grains, Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Amarillo; TDA Laws and Regulations, Kyle Thompson, Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide inspector, Lubbock; Cotton Insect Management, Kerry Siders, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for Hockley, Cochran and Lamb counties; Managing Resistant Weeds in a Cotton Rotation, Dr. Peter Dotray, Texas A&M AgriLife Research weed scientist, Lubbock; and How to Prevent Herbicide Drift, Blayne Reed, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent, Hale County.

For more information, contact Danny Nusser at 806-677-5600 or d-nusser@tamu.edu, or contact the local AgriLife Extension county agent.

CCI Presentation at ICA Hong Kong Features Models in U.S. Cotton Clothes

Friday, October 19, 2018

From Cotton Council International

Cotton Council International showcased an array of U.S. cotton-rich apparel created with innovative technology through a live model presentation at the International Cotton Association meeting in Hong Kong.

CCI Executive Director Bruce Atherley delivered a presentation about U.S. cotton, COTTON USA and the WHAT'S NEW IN COTTON?™ initiative. This is the first time featuring a live model runway presentation at the ICA meeting, which showcased 12 sets of apparel from 10 technology partners. The initiative aims to inspire the audience with different ways to use U.S. cotton in apparel, while providing global brands and retailers product opportunities to trace their textile products throughout the supply chain from their warehouse to the origin of raw materials.

The ICA is the world's leading international cotton trade association and arbitral body. The two-day ICA meeting in Hong Kong gathered more than 500 leaders from the cotton supply chain.