



# The Cotton Chronicle

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## Industry Calendar

April 17—  
Ginners School  
Corcoran, CA

May 15-17—  
Annual Meeting  
Pismo, CA

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for details

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## Cannon Michael Named Far West High Cotton Award Winner

The California Cotton Ginners and Growers would like to congratulate

**Cannon Michael** who was distinguished as the Far West honoree for the 25<sup>th</sup> class of High Cotton Award winners! Michael is the president of Bowles Farming Company and the sixth generation of

the Bowles and Lawrence families to work the family business. Michael is a leader when it comes to water policy, environmental stewardship, sustainability, as well as being an outspoken advocate for the California cotton industry. Michael previously chaired the California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association and the Cotton Foundation, as well as previously served on the National Cotton Council and the San Joaquin Valley Cotton Board. He currently serves on the California Cotton Alliance, Cotton Incorporated and the Board of the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association. Not only a leader in the cotton industry, Michael currently chairs the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority board, comprising of 29 member agencies and two million acres of land with varied users including farms, environmental and urban uses. Michael utilizes various technology and research in his cotton production including pioneering with Dr. Bill Weir, 30-inch row spac-

ing to provide increased yield, integrated pest management practices, sub-surface drip irrigation, rotational cropping and drone technology to scout fields for nutritional deficiencies and pest outbreaks. California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association would like to thank Cannon for his dedicated leadership in the cotton industry and congratulates



Cannon Michael with wife Heidi and Ron Smith, Senior Content Director, Farm Press/Farm Progress. Photo Courtesy of Farm Press

him on this distinguished honor!

## Registration for Association's Annual Ginners School Begins Soon!

The California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association will be hosting the annual Ginner's School April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Corcoran Technology and Learning Center. Registrations will be sent out soon for gins to sign their employees up for this year's event. Topics will include Sexual Harassment for Supervisors (offered in both English and Spanish), Bale Handling Safety, Electrical Troubleshooting, Hydraulic Troubleshooting, Gin Inspections Fire Prevention tips as well as the Annual Gin Safety Contest. Manager's Session Topics will cover Sexual Harassment, Classing Office Updates as well as the Hot Topics and Labor Law. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris McGlothlin with the Association at (559) 252-0684.

**48th Annual Turf Day Golf Classic**

Join us for the **48th Annual Turf Day Golf Classic Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Belmont Country Club**, proudly sponsored by *My Job Depends on Ag!* Proceeds from the tournament will benefit deserving students and programs in the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at Fresno State. Ag One’s efforts will provide approximately **\$700,000** to students and programs for the current academic year.

Date: **Monday, May 13, 2019**

Place: **Belmont Country Club, Fresno**

Time: **Registration 10 a.m.; Shotgun start 11 a.m.; lunch at the turn, 19th Hole Social and dinner following play**

Cost: **\$160/player, \$640/team**

Entry Deadline: **May 3, 2019 (\$175/player after deadline)**

Come out, have fun and help support students at Fresno State!

**PRIA Reauthorization Signed into Law**

CCGGA has been actively engaging with our federal partners in regard to the reauthorization of the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA). Authorization for the program ended February 15th, CCGGA has been communicating with the office of Republican Leader McCarthy to assist in the passing of legislation that would reauthorize the program. Without reauthorization, deadlines for regulatory decisions are no longer in place. This would have had a huge impact on the ability for growers to have timely access to crop protection tools as well as access to worker safety training and education programs. After passing the House and the Senate language that would reauthorize the critical program was signed into law.

**CalOSHA to Consider Nighttime Lighting Standard**

After several years of debate, the CalOSHA Standards Board will consider lighting requirements for agricultural operations at night. The proposed new standard entitled “Outdoor Agricultural Operations During Hours of Darkness”, will require specific lighting levels for certain agricultural operations at night. It will also mandate employees wear Class 2 high visibility garments while working at night, as well as the need to conduct a safety meeting prior to every night shift to remind workers where the restrooms are, where the break areas are, and the location of water bodies and high traffic areas. The new lighting requirements are as follows:

These requirements are modified from their original pro-

Required Illumination Levels		
foot-candles	Lux	Areas or Tasks
3	32.29	Meeting area and meal/rest area.
5	53.82	General safety during outdoor agricultural operations. Pathways leading to and around restrooms and drinking water. Inside restroom facilities. Storage areas accessed by employees. Areas within 25 feet of agricultural equipment where workers are present.
10	107.64	Intermittently exposed or exposed point of operation equipment, covered under Group 8. Points of Operation and Other Hazardous Parts of Machinery. Operationally visible moving parts of machinery covered under Group 6. Power Transmission, Prime Movers, and Machine Parts of the General Industry Safety Orders. Active agricultural operations i.e., harvesting and irrigation work.
20	215.30	Maintenance work on equipment.

posal which specifically mandated a lighting level of 10 foot-candles within a 25 foot radius of all agricultural equipment operating at night. This would have been impossible and the Association opposed such a requirement at every Advisory Committee meeting. The Association is currently reviewing this new proposal which will be considered by the CalOSHA Standards Board on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.

**Congratulations to the 2019 Common Threads Honorees!**

In 1997, the California Ag Leadership Foundation (CALF) teamed up with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology and the Ag One Foundation, both at California State University, Fresno, to honor women in agriculture who have chosen to make a philanthropic difference in their communities and our world. The Common Threads Award recognizes individuals whose exemplary and extraordinary contribution of time, energy, and resources has enhanced those around them. And now, Ag One, the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences, and Technology at Fresno State and the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation are pleased to announce the honorees for the 2019 Common Threads Awards: **Kathy Briano, Visalia; Tina Carreiro, Lemoore; Giovanna DePaoli, Strathmore; Marcia Shafer, Parlier; and honorary recipient Margaret**

**Mims, Fresno.** Common Threads has annually honored the lives of outstanding Valley women since 1997. These women, whose roots are deep in agriculture, have made a difference in their communities with bountiful giving of their time, talent and treasure. Please join us on March 27, 2019 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Hall to celebrate our honorees. The no-host wine social will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and awards program from 12 - 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person thru March 15, 2019 and sponsorship opportunities are available.

### **2019 CCGGA Annual Meeting, May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

Get your registration in for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association! This year's meeting will be held at the scenic Cliffs Hotel and Spa from May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in Pismo, CA. As always, guests will be able to enjoy a Wednesday evening welcome reception followed by the CCGGA Golf Tournament Thursday morning at the Avila Beach Golf Resort. During Thursday evening's dinner, comedian Greg Warren will be entertaining attendees. Friday morning will kick-off the Business Meeting including information and updates related to regulatory and legislative activities, growers and ginners specific break out sessions as well as a look at the Association's efforts for the year. The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The forms can be filled out and returned to our offices with a check (1785 N. Fine Ave. Fresno, CA 93710) or you may register and pay online at [www.ccgga-events.com](http://www.ccgga-events.com). Hotel reservation deadline is Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Accommodations can be made by calling The Cliffs Hotel and Spa at (805) 773-5000. In order to receive the group rate of \$199/night, identify that you are with California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association group. If



*2019 CCGGA Annual Meeting  
Entertainment – Greg Warren*

you have any questions, please contact our offices at (559) 252-0684.

### **CCGGA Co-Hosts Kitchen Dinner**

CCGGA gathered with members of the Agricultural Presidents' Council at the Kitchen Dinner to have the unique opportunity to socialize and talk with members of the legislature. CCGGA was represented by Chairman **Tom Gaffney** as well as **Director of Technical Services Chris McGlothlin** and **Director of Regulatory Jodi Devaurs**.

Throughout the evening the group met with Assemblymembers Heath Flora (AD 12), Autumn Burke (AD 62), Jim Cooper (AD 9), Adam Gray (AD 21), Blanca Rubio (AD 48) and Jesse Gabriel (AD 45). Conversations centered around



the need to continue the critical funding for air quality incentives, including tractor replacement, the electric ATV program, truck replacement, and electric yard truck replacement. Other items discussed were the need for biomass solutions, benefits of agricultural tours for urban legislators, water quality and much more. We value the relationships that have been forged with many of these legislators as we continue work with them to better the cotton industry in California!

### **Association Participates in USDA ARS Research Planning Session**

Association **President/CEO Roger Isom** and **Director of Technical Services Christopher McGlothlin** traveled to Ft. Collins, Colorado this week to participate in an important five (5) year Project Plan Workshop at the Plains Area Office in Ft. Collins. Joining them was Association **Chairman Tom Gaffney of the J.G. Boswell Company**. Many topics were discussed as the purpose of the meeting was to determine research priorities for the next five years for the cotton ginning laboratories in Las Cruces, New Mexico; Lubbock, Texas; and Stoneville, Mississippi. Critical priorities identified for California included contamination, sticky cotton, roller ginning and drying alternatives. Attending the meeting were researchers and scientists,

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## **CARB Seeking Participants for Agricultural Tractor and Mobile Equipment Survey**

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is seeking participants for an update to their Agricultural Tractor and Mobile Equipment Survey. For those that remember, CARB conducted a similar survey in 2008, and partnered with Cal Poly in their review of the submitted surveys. This survey effort is looking to inventory various mobile agricultural equipment, including tractors, combines, balers, agricultural use ATV's and forklifts, and many more. This survey is extended out to producers in the field, custom operators, and first processing facilities, and covers equipment using any type of fuel or electricity and any horsepower. Responses to the survey are completely confidential and are anonymized upon receipt. The survey that was previously conducted in 2008, was utilized to help fund incentive programs for agricultural equipment turnover programs utilized throughout the state. CARB's goal upon completion of this upcoming survey round is to utilize the data in the exact same manor, to utilize results to determine the best usage of incentive monies in the agricultural sector. The survey is being

made available through the internet. Please follow the link attached below to complete the survey. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [offroadinventory@arb.ca.gov](mailto:offroadinventory@arb.ca.gov). Paper copies will be available if you would like, feel free to contact Chris McGlothlin with the California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association at [chris@ccgga.org](mailto:chris@ccgga.org) or by phone at (559) 252-0684.

## **Aerial Lift and Fall Protection Workshops**

Coming soon to a location near you! **CCGGA and Western Agricultural Processors Association**, in partnership with **The Zenith, Jorgensen & Company**, and other ag

groups, will be conducting Aerial Lift and Fall Protection Workshops from Bakersfield to Chico – March 2019. The goal of this workshop is to train and authorize selected individuals from your company to implement and conduct your in-house aerial lifts and fall protection training. This workshop meets all applicable safety requirements including industry regulations. Please check our website for further information: [www.agprocessors.org](http://www.agprocessors.org)

