



# 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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## Several Senators Visit San Joaquin Valley Ag

Last month, CCGGA had the pleasure of joining **Senator Steve Glazer, Senator Henry Stern, Senator Melissa Hurtado and Senator Bob Archuleta** as they toured

the San Joaquin Valley to learn about agricultural issues. Senator Glazer and Senator Stern have both toured previously with CCGGA and felt it was important for freshmen Senators Hurtado and Archuleta to take part in a similar experience. The group toured several agricultural operations including dairy, citrus, and feed operations. CCGGA had the opportunity to talk about air quality issues, as well as the importance of incentives and water supply at Terranova Ranch in Helm, CA. WAPA highlighted how successful the FARMER funding has been to growers utilizing Terranova Ranch as an example, who participated in the electric UTV incentive funding to replace several fuel fired ATVs for full electric alternatives. CCGGA urged the Senators to support additional incentive funding to the state-wide program as the industry works to provide cleaner air to all and replace old equipment with the newest technology.



Pictured L-R: Don Cameron, Senator Glazer, Senator Hurtado, Senator Archuleta, Senator Stern

## Less Than Two Weeks to Register for the Annual Meeting

Registration deadline for the 2019 CCGGA Annual Meeting is **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. The Association is excited to host this year's meeting

at from May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> at The Cliffs Hotel and Spa in Pismo, CA! This year's meeting features an information packed agenda, annual golf tournament as well as comedic entertainment during

the CCGGA Annual Meeting Dinner. Attendees can look forward to beautiful ocean views as the meeting kicks off on Wednesday evening with a Welcome Reception. Golf tournament attendees will be heading to Avila Beach and Golf resort Thursday morning, coming back just in

time for the CCGGA Annual Meeting Reception and Dinner. This year, guests will be enjoying the entertainment from comedian Greg Warren. Warren has been most recently seen on "Late Night with Seth Meyers", "The Late Late Show on CBS" and "Last Comic Standing". Warren is a favorite on the nationally syndicated Bob & Tom radio show and has toured theaters



across the country with The Bob & Tom All Stars Comedy Tour. To conclude the meeting, the Association will be presenting critical updates from industry associations and updates on issues impacting

the cotton industry in California. Throughout Friday's agenda the group will receive reports from USDA on the cotton ginning research labs, a water update, pressures on crop protection tools, reports on variety trials and a Sacramento update. Additionally, National Cotton Ginners Association, National Cotton Council, Supima, Cotton Inc., and USDA AMS will be providing the latest



from their entities. Registration forms can be filled out and returned to our offices with a check (1785 N. Fine Ave. Fresno, CA 93710) or you may register, sponsor 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 you have any questions, please contact our offices at (559) 252-0684.

### **CCGGA Applies for Renewal of Section 18 for Transform**

CCGGA has submitted an application to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) for a reissuance of the association's Section 18 for Transform for control of lygus on cotton. The original application was approved in 2017 when the industry was facing a record-setting lygus population after late-season rains. This year, California not only experience late-season rains, but the late-winter, early

spring storm events brought significant amounts of rain across the state. For these reasons, the industry is expecting a heavy early-season pest year. While Transform was made available in 2017 to growers and loss was minimized, there was still a significant impact on yield as a result of the untreated lygus populations. The Association hopes that with the ability to demon-



strate the potential loss without this method of control that the Section 18 will be reissued for the 2019 season. Concurrent with this effort, CCGGA is working with Dow AgroSciences on achieving a full registration for the product in California. CCGGA would like to thank Bob Hutmacher, UCCE State Cotton Specialist, and UCCE Specialist Ian Grettenberger for their work on this effort.

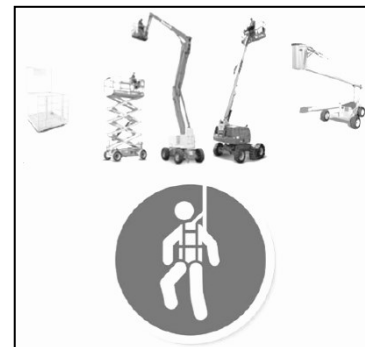
### **Passing of Hartford Smith**

Hartford Smith passed away on March 27, 2019 in Spokane, Washington at the age of 94. He was the manager of McFarland Cooperative Gin and Central Valley Almond Association in McFarland, California from 1973 through 1988. Prior to his position in McFarland, he was the gin manager at Dos Palos Cooperative Gin. Hartford and Nadine were married 73 years. Hartford will lie at rest in the Washington State Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has chosen Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, 3160 Crow Canyon Place, Suite 120, San Ramon, CA 94583-1338 or the charity of your choice.

### **Train-the-Trainer Workshops**

CCGGA/WAPA, in partnership with The Zenith Insurance, Jorgensen and Company, and other ag groups concluded the **Aerial Devices and Fall Protection Train-the-Trainer Workshops** with over 130 participants trained! We

would like to thank our site hosts: **Peters Farm, Reedley; Central California Almond Growers Association, Kerman; Cal-Almond Hulling Shelling Farming, Denair; Farmers International, Inc., Chico; and JSS Almonds, Bakersfield**, for allowing us to hold these workshops at their facilities. In addition, we would like to thank our



speakers **The Zenith's Jack Passarella, Sharon Kunkel and Yolanda Samano-Schroeder** for teaching on the safety aspects of the aerial devices, WAPA's **Director of Environmental and Safety Services, Elda Brueggemann** for

teaching on the aerial devices and fall protection regulations and WAPA's **Director of Food Safety, Priscilla Rodriguez** for teaching on the fall protection safety aspects portion. We would also like to thank **Jorgensen and Company** for sponsoring and providing the Fall Protection equipment used during these workshops.

### **2019 Cotton Acreage Survey Underway**

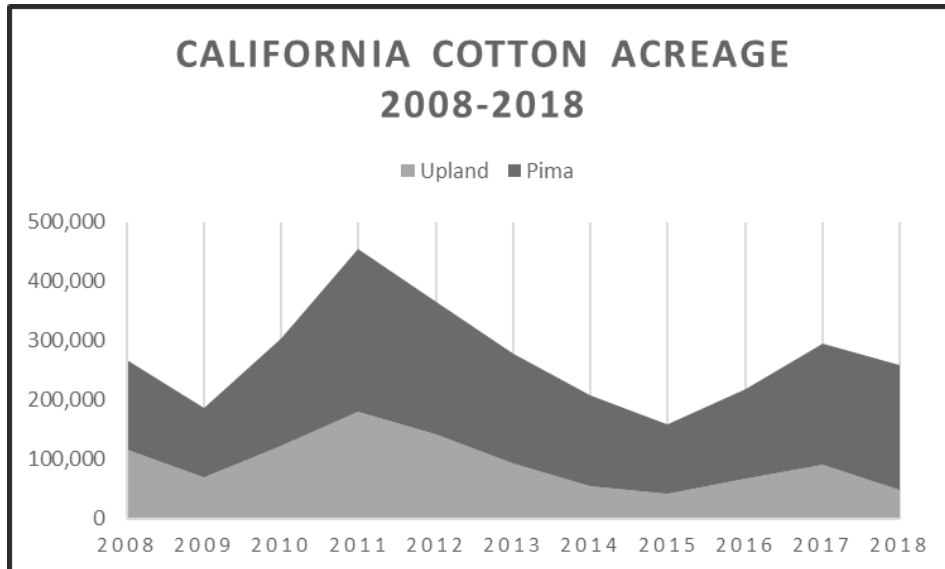
The California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association is conducting its Annual Preliminary Cotton Acreage Survey. Everyone wants to know how much cotton acreage will be in 2019. As it is every year, water availability, cotton prices, other commodity prices, etc. will all play a major role in this year's plantings.

As has been tradition in the past, the Association is conducting a preliminary but comprehensive cotton acreage survey of all of our members. Your assistance in collecting this information is extremely important and invaluable. The survey is conducted through the gins, and we would respectfully ask that you take a couple of minutes and complete the survey to the best of your ability, and then fax or email it back to us at your earliest convenience.

### **Glyphosate Update**

As many are aware, glyphosate has been gaining national attention as the product's safety and science have been put on trial and becoming a part of a greater ongoing discussion. In the most recent court decision, *Hardeman v Monsanto* the six jurors deliberated in Phase 1 of the bifurcated trial for four days on causation and ruled that Roundup was a substantial cause of the plaintiff's cancer. In Phase 2 the six jurors returned a verdict

finding Monsanto liable. Bayer, which owns Monsanto, had issued a statement that the company, while sympathetic to Mr. Hardeman and his family, will be appealing this verdict because of the extensive science and research that have proven the product is not carcinogenic. Bayer Crop Science as well as our Association stands behind the more than four decades of sound science that reinforces the safety of this product when it is used properly. There



have been more than 800 studies submitted to the US EPA, European Union and 160 foreign regulators in connection with the registration process. In 2018, the independent National Cancer Institute conducted a long-term study, that followed over 50,000 pesticide applications and found no association between the

herbicide and cancer. As more products are regulated and mitigated out of use, it is important to tell the story of the extensive science, research and studies completed before a product is put on the market. There are several resources available to get additional information through including access to over 300 glyphosate studies made available at <https://www.cropscience-transparency.bayer.com/> or updates on the litigation process at <http://www.glyphosatelitigationfacts.com> or [www.Bayer.com/Glyphosate](http://www.Bayer.com/Glyphosate) - a hub to find general information about glyphosate.



### **NCGA's 33rd Annual Ginners School**

The National Cotton Ginners' Association (NCGA) is hosting its 33rd Annual Cotton Ginners School! Offered in three levels of varying instruction, Ginners School has classes for beginning students and more seasoned individuals. Level One provides an introduction to cotton ginning, basic hydraulics, basic gin safety, and air utilization and drying. Level Two courses provide information on individual gin machines, pneumatics and waste collection, and

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management tips. Lastly, Level Three offers classes on seed cotton unloading systems, bale presses, and safety programs and labor regulations. In addition to Ginners School, NCGA is offering a Cotton Ginner Certification Program that can be obtained after meeting the program requirements. Requirements include completing three levels of Ginners School instruction, a written exam, first aid certification, and more. Western Ginners School will be held May 7-9<sup>th</sup> in Mesilla Park, NM at the Southwestern Cotton Ginner Research Laboratory. Stoneville Ginners School will be held June 4-6<sup>th</sup> at the USDA Ginning Research Laboratory in Stoneville, MS. For more information or to register online, visit [www.cotton.org/NCGA/ginschool](http://www.cotton.org/NCGA/ginschool) or see the attached flyer <http://www.cotton.org/ncga/ginschool/upload/2019-ncga-gin-school-web.pdf>.

## **CalOSHA To Consider Nighttime Lighting Standard for Agricultural Operations**

Despite significant industry opposition and a complete lack of injuries to support the rulemaking, the CalOSHA Standards Board will consider a new regulation later this month that will impose minimum lighting requirements

for agricultural operations that occur during darkness. Certain operations or tasks will require the following minimum illumination levels:

Area or Task	Illumination level
Meeting area and meal/rest area	3 foot-candles
Pathways leading to and around restrooms and drinking water, inside restrooms, storage areas and areas within 25 feet of agricultural equipment	5 foot-candles
Intermittently exposed or exposed point of operation equipment, and operationally visible moving parts of machinery	10 foot-candles
Maintenance work on equipment	20 foot-candles

Agricultural operations will also have to conduct mandatory safety meetings at the beginning of each shift to inform employees of the location of restrooms, drinking water, designated break areas, nearby bodies of water and high traffic areas. Lastly, employers shall provide and require workers to wear Class 2 high visibility garments for work activities between sunset and sunrise. The Association will be opposing the proposed regulation at the hearing later this month.