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## Industry Calendar

April 8  
CCGGA Ginners  
School—  
Corcoran, CA

May 13  
Annual Meeting—  
Visalia, CA

Visit web calendar  
for details

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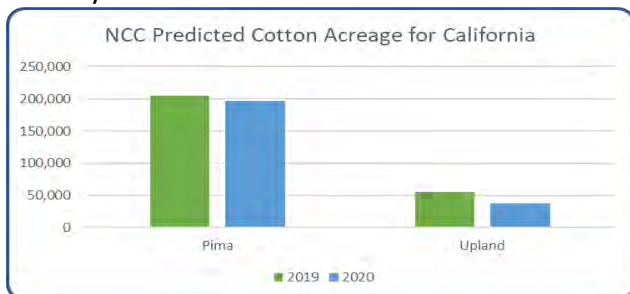
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## NCC Predicts 10% drop in CA Cotton Acreage for 2020

At this past month's Annual Meeting of the **National Cotton Council (NCC)**, preliminary forecast for cotton acreage in California reflected an expected overall 10% drop in acreage. Pima acreage was forecast at 197,000 acres, down from 205,000 acres in 2019 reflecting about a 4% drop in acres. Upland was expected to be at 38,000 acres, down from 55,000 acres in 2019 representing approximately a 31% drop in acreage. Total acreage is predicted to be 235,000 acres, down from 260,000 acres in 2019 meaning an overall predicted reduction in acreage of approximately 10%. The Association has just sent their Annual Predicted cotton acreage survey to all gins and hope to have expected numbers by mid-March.



## ARC/PLC Enrollment Urged

USDA is advising producers to enroll now in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs—ahead of the **March 16, 2020** deadline for the 2019 crop year. Until March 16, producers who have not yet enrolled in ARC or PLC for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to a FSA county office unless yield updates are requested. Also, farm owners have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields that take effect beginning with crop year 2020. FSA's ARC/PLC fact

sheet is at <http://bit.ly/2TFS1fd> and its online ARC and PLC election decision tools are at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc>.

## NRCS Offers California Producers Assistance to Improve Air Quality

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing technical and financial assistance to help farmers and ranchers in California make improvements in their operations that can lead to improved air quality. Assistance is being made available through NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), National Air Quality Initiative (NAQI). The initiative is designed to help agricultural producers meet air quality compliance requirements and offer opportunities to support practices that reduce oxides of nitrogen (NOx), volatile organic compounds (VOC), and particulate matter (PM) emissions from agricultural sources. Reducing emissions helps achieve and maintain the health- and welfare-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in California. Significant emission reduction benefits are achieved when higher-polluting off-road agricultural equipment are retired earlier than through normal turnover and replaced with new "like" equipment powered by emissions-certified nonroad diesel engines. Applications are accepted year-round, but interested producers need to be ready by March 18, 2020, to be considered for the initial round of funding. Financial assistance priority is targeted toward counties identified as having significant air quality resource concerns based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "nonattainment" designations for ozone and particulate matter or predesignated as "attainment (maintenance area)" for PM10 or PM2.5. The following counties may be eligible for the

National Air Quality Initiative:

**Alameda, Butte, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Tulare, Ventura, Yolo, and Yuba.**

For more information about EQIP, how to apply, and program eligibility, interested applicants should contact a NRCS field office in the county in which you own land or where you have an agricultural operation.

**Advanced Clean Truck Rule Update**

Earlier this month, the California Air Resources Board held a workshop in Sacramento to discuss the proposed Advanced Clean Truck Regulation. Dubbed the “Truck Rule 2.0”, the Advanced Clean Truck Rule is focusing on shifting truck manufacturers as well as the goods movement industry towards zero-emission equipment. The regulation requires Equipment manufacturers would be required to ensure that a percentage of their fleet sold would be of zero-emission equipment. As the regulation timeline continues, the regulatory emphasis would then shift to the facility side, where businesses with over \$50 million in annual sales would have to inventory trucks going in and out of their business boundaries. Those same businesses would then have to meet fleet turnover requirements and purchase the zero-emission vehicles for various services employed by the operation. At the CARB Board Hearing last month, ARB staff backed off of the large business reporting requirement. However, many of the original requests still remain in terms of fleet turnover and eventual reporting. The Association submitted comments in opposition to the rule, and has worked with a larger coalition to try and fight back and proposal. Stay tuned for more updates.

**REMINDER - CMP Workshops Scheduled for San Joaquin Valley**

Have you changed the crops, acres or practices on your farm in the past few years? If so, you most likely need to update your Conservation Management Practice (CMP) Plan. As you may recall, farms located in the San Joaquin Valley in excess of 100 acres must complete a CMP Plan and keep it regularly updated. To aid in the effort to ensure farms are keeping up to date on their CMP Plans, the Association along with several other agricultural organizations are partnering with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollu-

tion Control District to host several CMP Workshops throughout the San Joaquin Valley including at least one workshop in every county. The workshops will occur as per the following schedule:

REMAINING CMP Workshop Schedule		
Date	Time	Location
March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Stanislaus County Ag Center 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto
March 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	San Joaquin County Farm Bureau 3290 Ad Art Road, Stockton

If you plan on attending, please bring the following:

- A list of crops grown and how many acres are devoted to each
- Plot plan/map that contains the location of each agricultural parcel on the agricultural operation site
- Total number of animals at the animal feeding operation
- Internal combustion engines: make, model, horsepower, fuel and annual hours used for all engines over 50 horsepower
- **For existing CMP Plans, please bring the CMP Plan ID (Example: C-1234)**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

**REMINDER - Fed/OSHA 300a Summary Electronic Submittal**

Reminder – Cal/OSHA issued a notice of proposed emergency action to conform California’s recordkeeping requirements to the federal OSHA program. The approved permanent regulation extended the requirement for establishments in California with more than 20 employees covered under the OSHA recordkeeping requirements to submit their OSHA Summary 300A Work-related Injuries and Illnesses by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. For submittal click here <https://www.osha.gov/injuryreporting/ita/>. Any questions, please contact Elda Brueggemann (559) 252-0684.

**National Cotton Ginners Association Ginners Schools Announced**

Entering its 34th year of classes, the Ginners School will be offered at three locations in 2020. Cooperators for the school include USDA-ARS, National Cotton Ginners' Association and its member associations, National Cotton Council, Cotton Incorporated, gin machinery/equipment manufacturers and suppliers, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Services, and select land grant universities. Each level of Ginners School coursework is built on the previous level of instruction, with Level I as the foundation. Therefore, the school’s coordinators strongly recommend that beginning students,



regardless of gin experience, start with Level I. Please note that CE courses are offered the first two days of the respective school. The scheduled schools are as follows:

#### **Southwest Ginners School**

March 30 - April 1, 2020  
South Plains Ginning Laboratory  
1604 East FM 1294  
Lubbock, TX 79403

#### **Western Ginners School**

May 5-7, 2020  
Southwestern Cotton Ginning Research Laboratory  
300 E. College St.  
Mesilla Park, NM 88047

#### **Stoneville Ginners School**

June 2-4, 2020  
USDA Ginning Research Laboratory  
111 Experiment Station Rd  
Stoneville, MS 38776

For registration information, please visit [www.cotton.org/NCGA/ginschool](http://www.cotton.org/NCGA/ginschool) or contact Harrison Ashley or Jana Jackins at NCGA at (901)274-9030.

#### **Update on the San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint**

The San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Water Blueprint is a broad coalition of local governments, academic institutions, water users, and others working toward achieving balanced solutions that limit economic, community, and environmental impacts. The group recognizes the need for cooperation between water stakeholders, including environmental groups and disadvantaged community groups, to develop and advance thoughtful solutions. A new report by University of California, Berkeley, economists Dr. David Sunding and Dr. David Roland-Holst shows that the California economy will suffer unless responsible, balanced water reforms are enacted in the effort to achieve groundwater sustainability goals in the San Joaquin Valley. As outlined in the report, permanent economic impacts will include:

- Counting indirect and induced job losses together with direct losses, California stands to permanently lose as many as 85,000 full-time jobs and \$2.1 billion in employee wages across California. These losses will reach further into the economy as newly unemployed workers have less income to spend on household purchases.
- Tax revenue for local and state government is expected to drop by approximately \$535 million per year, based on \$242 million in lost city and county tax revenue and \$293 million in lost tax revenue at the state level.
- Up to 1 million acres of productive farmland will be permanently fallowed in the San Joaquin Valley, representing one-fifth of all acres under cultivation in the Valley.
- The annual farm revenue loss associated with this fallowing is \$7.2 billion per year, or roughly 14 percent of California's total

farm production.

Despite a demonstrated statewide impact, the areas most impacted by job losses are the state's most underserved communities already suffering from the lack of quality drinking water. "This report is an attempt to further define the challenges we collectively face related to California water. Reaching collaborative solutions will not be easy but we are committed to trying to do so. This effort will likely require significant action, such as strategic multi beneficial land conversion. We encourage all stakeholders to join the discussion," said Austin Ewell, the Executive Director of the Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley.

A second phase of the study, which is expected to be released later this year, will identify the consensus reforms and infrastructure investments required to help mitigate community, environmental, and industry impacts. The Association has been engaged and supportive of this effort and will continue to keep you informed as the effort moves forward.

#### **Keeping California cotton alive in evolving markets**

**March 26th, 2020, 9 am - 12 noon, followed by lunch (included)**

**Location provided by Teixeira & Sons, LLC**

**11323 Erreca Road, Dos Palos, CA 93620**

**San Joaquin Valley cotton growers,**

On Thursday, March 26th from 9 AM to 1 PM, you will have an opportunity to participate in an event that will explore ways for keeping SJV cotton in the global marketplace. By taking part in this meeting, you will learn about and see why a variety of soil and crop management approaches that are currently not widely used in cotton production in California may have relevance to your farms and your ability to access markets in the future. In addition, you will have an opportunity over a catered lunch to interact directly with a representative of the Soil Health Institute in Greensboro, NC, and a number of textile and clothing brand people in a discussion of their initiatives for soil health-based cotton production and what these initiatives mean for how you produce cotton. Needless to say, this will not be a "business as usual" gathering in which the same old topics are trotted out. Rather, the meeting will be a straightforward sharing of new information and a dynamic give-and-take of ideas aimed at helping you to avoid obsolescence and become more attractive to buyers. We hope you will join us at Teixeira and Sons, LLC, 11323 Erreca Road north of Hwy 152 just east of Turner Island Road. Please RSVP via email to [hello@fibershed.com](mailto:hello@fibershed.com) or phone at 559-303-9689.



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2020 Annual Meeting  
May 13, 2020  
Visalia, CA

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