

2026 NCGA Meeting and Cotton Ginning Conference Schedule

2026 BWCC Meeting Schedule San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter Hotel

Date and Times (Central)	Meeting	Room
Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Safety Specialists Forum (Closed to forum members only)	Conf. Room 16-17
Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026 1:30 – 3:15 p.m.	NCGA Safety and Labor Committee	Conf. Room 20-21
Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	NCGA Technology Air Quality Subcommittee	Conf. Room 20-21
Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	NCGA Technology Committee	Conf. Room 20-21
Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026 11:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.	NCGA Executive Committee (Closed to Ex Committee members)	Conf. Room 12
Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Ginning Conference	Salon K
Friday, Jan. 9, 2026 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Ginning Conference	Salon K

Cotton Ginning - Thursday Early Afternoon Thursday, January 8, 2026: 1:30 PM-3:30 PM

1:30 PM - 2025 U.S. Cotton Quality Update.
Byron Cole, USDA-AMS, Cotton and Tobacco Program

1:45 PM - Engineering Design Concept for Round Cotton Module Handling and Unwrapping.
Jacob Price, Texas A&M University

2:00 PM - CGIN: Visualizing and Analyzing Cotton Gin Distribution Across the U.S.
Ritvik Balachandar, Texas A&M University

2:15 PM - Streamlining Lint Cleaner Maintenance.
Mark Cory, McCleskey Saw & Machine

2:30 PM - New Additions to the Cherokee Product Line.
Michael J. Greene, Cherokee Fabrication Company Inc.

2:45 PM - Cotton Seed Storage Monitoring.

Michael Prachar, Tri-States Grain Conditioning

3:00 PM - Roller Ginning Innovations and Products for West Texas.

Ross Rutherford, Lummus Ag Solutions

3:15 PM - Optimizing Cotton Logistics: Economic Evaluation of Flatbed and Module Truck Transport Systems.

Aaron Kendrick, Texas A&M University

3:30 PM – Design and Development of An Automated Wrap Retrieval System for Round Cotton Modules.

Ali Budhwani, Texas A&M University

3:45 PM – Break

Ginning - Thursday Late Afternoon

Wednesday, January 8, 2026: 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

4:00 PM – Panel Discussion - Rooted in Tradition, Growing the Future: Capstone Journeys in Cotton Engineering.

Michael Buser, Texas A&M University

Ross Rutherford, Lummus Ag Solutions

4:30 PM - Traceability That Starts in the Fields: Cotton’s Journey from Soil to Supply Chain.

Tushar Singh, Silverleaf Cotton Tracing

4:45 PM - Optimizing Cotton Gin Logistics through a GIS-Based Decision Support System for Field-Level Economic Analysis.

Jimmy McKay, Texas A&M University

5:00 PM - Autonomous Systems for Cotton Module Handling: Machine Learning-Based Detection and Obstacle Avoidance.

Riley Hatch, Texas A&M University

5:15 PM - Interactive Visualization of Cotton Production Trends Using Standardized NASS Data.

Justin Alcaraz, Texas A&M University

Cotton Ginning Conference – Friday Morning

Friday, January 9, 2026: 8:00 AM-10:15 AM

8:00 AM - Revitalizing Cotton Education and Outreach: The Texas A&M Cotton Crew in Action.

Blake Bradbeer, Texas A&M University

8:15 AM - Performance Evaluation of EPA PM10 Stack Samplers in Cotton Ginning Operations: An Updated Assessment.
Lilly Taylor, Texas A&M University

8:30 AM - Mechanical Engineering Design of a Cotton Gin Round Module Handling Prototype.
Broderick Gay, Texas A&M University

8:45 AM - Next Generation Module Wrap Cutter Design Concept.
August Ryan, Texas A&M University