

2026 Southwestern Ginners School
Lubbock, TX
April 6-8, 2026
Continuing Education

Monday, April 6

Start	Title	Speaker
8:00 AM	Registration	
8:45 AM	Welcome and Announcements	Harrison Ashley
9:00 AM	Lockout Tagout	James Shepard
9:30 AM	Safety Management Responsibilities and Social Media	James Shepard
10:30 AM	BREAK	
10:45 AM	Forklift Training and Safety in Cotton Gins	James Shepard
11:15 AM	USDA AMS Classing Update	Byron Cole
12:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM	Automation and Sensors – Successes and Failures	Mark Gentry
1:30 PM	Automation Panel Discussion	Mark Gentry, Martin Mehner, Aaron Moore, Clay Whitley
2:30 PM	RFID and Harvest ID	John Wanjura, Greg Holt
3:00 PM	BREAK	
3:15 PM	EWR Update	Tom McCune
4:15 PM	Preventing Lightweight Bales	Harrison Ashley and Will Gruben
5:00 PM	ADJOURN	
6:00 PM	Group Reception and Dinner – Hillcrest Country Club	

Tuesday, April 7

Start	Title	Speaker
8:00 AM	Upland and ELS Differences and Definitions	Harrison Ashley
8:30 AM	Marketing ELS and Long Staple Cotton	Carlos Garcia
9:00 AM	Ginning Long Staple Upland	Myles Ramsey
9:30 AM	Roller Gin Automation Controls	Emmanuel Hernandez, Ian Robles
10:00 AM	BREAK	
10:15 AM	Roller Ginning Panel	Kyle Kindle, Alberto Pando, Jr., Alberto Pando, Sr., Myles Ramsey
11:15 AM	Bale Packaging and Contamination Prevention	Lauren Krogman
12:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM	Lifting Equipment Selection	Kirk Cole
2:00 PM	Module Truck Video Cameras and DOT Regulations	Kyle Smith, Kelley Green, Duncan McCook
2:45 PM	BREAK	
3:00 PM	H-2A Overview	Dusty Findley
4:00 PM	Course Evaluation	
4:15 PM	ADJOURN	

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