

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

**Monday, April 6**

<b>Start</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
8:00 AM	<b>Registration</b>	
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	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:45 AM	Forklift Training and Safety in Cotton Gins	James Shepard
11:15 AM	USDA AMS Classing Update	Byron Cole
12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>	
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	<b>BREAK</b>	
3:15 PM	EWR Update	Tom McCune
4:15 PM	Preventing Lightweight Bales	Harrison Ashley and Will Gruben
5:00 PM	<b>ADJOURN</b>	
6:00 PM	<b>Group Reception and Dinner – Hillcrest Country Club</b>	

**Tuesday, April 7**

<b>Start</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
8:00 AM	Upland and ELS Differences and Definitions	Harrison Ashley
8:30 AM	Marketing ELS and Long Staple Cotton	David Canale
9:00 AM	Ginning Long Staple Upland	Myles Ramsey
9:30 AM	Roller Gin Automation Controls	Emmanuel Hernandez, Ian Robles
10:00 AM	<b>BREAK</b>	
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	<b>LUNCH</b>	
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	<b>BREAK</b>	
3:00 PM	H-2A Overview	Dusty Findley
4:00 PM	<b>Course Evaluation</b>	
4:15 PM	<b>ADJOURN</b>	