

2026 WESTERN GINNERS SCHOOL
Mesilla Park, NM
May 5 - 7, 2026
Continuing Education

Tuesday, May 5

Start	Title	Speaker
8:00 AM	Registration	
8:30 AM	Welcome and Announcements	Harrison Ashley, Derek Whitelock
8:45 AM	Long Staple Upland and ELS Differences and Definitions	Lauren Krogman
9:15 AM	Ginning Long Staple Upland	Myles Ramsey
9:45 AM	Roller Gin Automation Controls	Emmanuel Hernandez, Angel Berdeja
10:15 AM	BREAK	
10:30 AM	Roller Ginning Panel	Myles Ramsey, Alberto Pando, Jr, Alberto Pando, Sr, Jesus Pando, Ryan Phillips
11:30 AM	Bale Packaging and Contamination Issues	Lauren Krogman
12:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM	EWR Update	Cody Barthol
1:45 PM	RFID and Harvest ID	John Wanjura, Greg Holt
2:30 PM	Module Truck Video Cameras, DOT Regulations	Kyle Smith, Duncan McCook
3:30 PM	BREAK	
3:45 PM	H-2A Overview	Duncan McCook
4:45 PM	ADJOURN	
6:00 PM	Group Dinner at the Gin Lab	

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 AM	Lockout Tagout	Wally Davis
8:30 AM	Safety Management Responsibilities, Social Media	Wally Davis
9:30 AM	Forklift and Heavy Equipment Training and Safety in Cotton Gins	Wally Davis
10:00 AM	BREAK	
10:15 AM	USDA AMS Classing Update	Ryan Phillips
11:00 AM	Fiber Competition	Brooke Shumate
11:45 AM	LUNCH	
12:45 PM	Automation and Sensors: Successes and Failures	Mark Gentry
1:15 PM	Automation Panel Discussion	Mark Gentry, Alberto Pando, Jr.
2:15 PM	BREAK	
2:30 PM	Measurement and Control Products	Will Gruben
3:15 PM	Preventing Lightweight Bales	Harrison Ashley, Will Gruben
4:00 PM	Course Evaluation	
4:15 PM	ADJOURN – No class on Thursday	