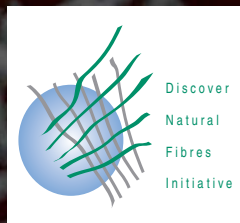


Cotton Industry Growth Through Global Unity

International Cotton Advisory Committee 69th Plenary Meeting

**Lubbock, Texas
September 20-25, 2010**



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LUBBOCK, TEXAS ≈ SEPTEMBER 20-25, 2010



It is a great pleasure to invite you to the 69th Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) to be held in Lubbock, Texas, the heart of the U.S. cotton industry. This event provides me the opportunity to highlight the economic and social importance of cotton to not only ICAC members, but also to the world.

The United States has long recognized the importance of cotton and is proud to be a global leader in public and private sector investment in research in cotton production, harvesting and utilization, as well as generic cotton promotion and marketing activities. This investment has produced advancements and technologies that benefit the cotton sector globally while expanding overall market opportunities. In Lubbock you will be surrounded by many of these advancements, and the Organizing Committee has designed a program to provide you an up close view of our industry and institutions while experiencing the rich heritage of the Texas High Plains.

While the cotton industry has thrived historically and has been a source of economic security, the sector continues to face stiff challenges. It will require all countries with a stake in cotton working together in order to capitalize on cotton's full potential. In recognition of this reality, the Organizing Committee has suggested and the ICAC Standing Committee has adopted as the theme for this year's meeting **"Cotton Industry Growth Through Global Unity."**

The meeting will focus on key issues of mutual interest and concern to all countries and sectors of the cotton industry, such as the Social, Environmental and Economic Performance of Cotton Production; Water Use Efficiency; Sustaining Cotton's Place in the World Market; International Trade Negotiations; New Developments in Cotton Technologies; and Improving Industry Efficiency in Storage, Transportation and Handling. The meeting will also include discussion of the on-going collaborative work of the Task Force on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton and the work of the International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP) on Demand Enhancement.

On behalf of myself, the Organizing Committee and the U.S. cotton industry, I want to welcome all the delegates to the United States and to Lubbock, Texas. I am sure that your time spent here will be fruitful and you will enjoy the world famous Texas hospitality during your stay.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Miller'.

James W. Miller

*Under Secretary
Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services*





Organizing Committee

Organizing Committee of the 69th ICAC Plenary Meeting

Name	Organization/Business
Dean Ethridge	Texas Tech University
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John Johnson	Plains Cotton Cooperative Association
Fred Underwood	The Trinity Company
Tom Sell	Cotton Warehouse Association of America
Manfred Schiefer	M. Schiefer Trading Company
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Craig Brown	National Cotton Council
Rick King	National Cotton Council
Patrick Packnett	Foreign Agricultural Service/USDA
Terry Townsend	ICAC Secretariat
James Johnson	Foreign Agricultural Service/USDA
Keith Scarce	Foreign Agricultural Service/USDA
Allison Thomas	Foreign Agricultural Service/USDA
Crystal VanBuren	Foreign Agricultural Service/USDA



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Lubbock Skyline - Courtesy of Visit Lubbock



U.S. Cotton and Textile Industry

U.S. cotton is a cornerstone of the rural economy. The scope and economic impact extend well beyond the approximately 19,000 farmers that plant between 9 and 14 million acres of cotton each year. While much of the industry is concentrated in 17 cotton-producing states stretching from Virginia to California, the processors and distributors of cotton fiber and downstream manufacturers of cotton apparel and home-furnishings are located in virtually every state. Beyond the farm-gate, the distribution and processing of cotton includes cotton gins, independent merchants and cooperative merchandisers, warehouses, cottonseed distributors and processors, and textile mills.

Farms and businesses directly involved in the production, distribution and processing of cotton employ almost 200 thousand workers and produce direct business revenue of more than \$27 billion. Accounting for the ripple effect of cotton through the broader economy, direct and indirect employment surpasses 420 thousand workers with economic activity well in excess of \$100 billion.

In addition to the downstream economic activity and employment, U.S. cotton farmers annually purchase almost \$4 billion in production inputs such as seed, fertilizer, chemicals and fuel. These dollars flow directly into the local economy by supporting businesses that supply inputs.

Although acreage shifts and weather patterns have caused U.S. production to range between 12 and 23 million bales, the United States consistently ranks as the world's 3rd largest cotton producer. Texas is the largest cotton-producing state, accounting for as much as 40% of the U.S. crop.

Cotton is the basic resource for thousands of consumer and industrial products manufactured in the United States and throughout the world. The demand for U.S. cotton has undergone a significant transformation in recent years with the majority of U.S. production now moving into export markets. With the U.S. textile industry consuming approximately 3.5 million bales annually, export markets are the outlet for more than 75% of the U.S. cotton crop. However, much of the U.S. fiber exported to other countries for processing eventually returns to the U.S. consumer as a finished textile product. In fact, the United States leads the way in retail consumption of cotton textiles and apparel, annually purchasing the equivalent of approximately 20 million bales.



Preliminary Agenda and Timetable

Cotton Industry Growth Through Global Unity

Monday, September 20, 2010

- 8:00 Set up of Trade Booths at the Meeting location
- 10:00 Registration
- to 16:00 Tours and shopping opportunities
- 10:00 Meeting of the Expert Panel on Social, Environmental and Economic Performance of Cotton Production (SEEP)
- 13:30 Meeting of the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP)
- 14:30 **Round Table Discussion:** *Water Use Efficiency, Lessons from Texas*
(open to all participants, registration requested)
- 19:00 Welcome Reception

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

- 8:00 Registration at the Overton Hotel
- 9:00 **Inaugural Session**
 - Chair of the Plenary Meeting
 - Welcoming Remarks
 - Opening Remarks
 - Welcoming Remarks on behalf of all delegates by Burkina Faso, host of the 67th Plenary Meeting
 - Recognition of the ICAC Researcher of the Year
 - Report of the Private Sector Advisory Panel, Ahmed El Bosaty, Chair of the PSAP
 - Report of the Executive Director, Terry Townsend
 - Report of the Chair of the Standing Committee, Azmat Ali Ranjha, Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, DC
 - Approval of the Agenda of the 69th Plenary Meeting
- 11:00 Tea/coffee
- 11:30 **First Open Session:** *Resource Constraints and Cotton Production: Sustaining Cotton's Place in the World Market*
- 13:30 Lunch for all participants
- 15:00 **Second Open Session:** *New Developments in Cotton Technologies*
- 17:00 Adjourn
- 19:00 Welcome Dinner

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 **Third Open Session:** *The Impacts of Social and Environmental Standards on Demand for Cotton and Textiles*
- 11:00 Tea/coffee
- 11:30 **Fourth Open Session:** *Outlook for Prices of Cotton and Competing Commodities*
- 13:30 Lunch for all participants
 - Luncheon meeting of biotechnology researchers
- 15:30 **First Plenary Session:** *The Uruguay Round and Regional Trade Agreements; Are There Lessons for the Doha Round?*
- 16:00 Meeting of the Task Force on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC)
(Observers welcome, pre-registration requested)
- 17:30 Adjourn
- 19:00 Evening Program Open



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Thursday, September 23, 2010

- 9:00** **Second Plenary Session:** Statements
 Statements from International Organizations
 Statements from Member Countries
- 9:00** **First Breakout Session:** *Improving Industry Efficiency in Storage, Transportation and Handling*
- 10:30** Tea/coffee
- 11:00** **Second Plenary Session:** Statements (continued)
 Statements from Member Countries
 Statements from Non-Member Countries
- 11:00** **Second Breakout Session:** *Demand Enhancement: Building on Successful Efforts*
- 12:30** Lunch for all participants
- 14:00** Technical tour and shopping/sightseeing opportunities
- 18:00** Evening Program Open

Friday, September 24, 2010

- 7:30** Breakfast meeting of plenary meeting host committees (by invitation)
- 8:00** Registration
- 9:00** **Fifth Open Session** (Meeting of the Committee on Cotton Production Research)
 Technical Seminar: "How to Lower the Cost of Cotton Production"
- 10:30** Tea/coffee
- 11:00** **Fifth Open Session** (Technical Seminar) continued
 Topic for the 2010 Technical Seminar
- 11:00** **Third Breakout Session:** *Cotton Price Risk Management*
- 12:30** Lunch for all participants
 Lunch meeting of the International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP)
- 13:45** **Meeting of the Drafting Group** (member country delegates)
- 13:45** **Fourth Breakout Session:** *Best Practices in Cotton Ginning*
- 15:30** Tea/coffee
- 16:00** Meeting of the Steering Committee (member country delegates)
 Chair: Azmat Ali Ranjha, Chair of the Standing Committee
 Election of Standing Committee Officers
 Consideration of Working Papers
 Approval of the Statement of the 69th Plenary Meeting
 Other Business
- 16:00** **Fifth Breakout Session:** *Best Practices in Instrument Testing*
- 17:30** Adjourn
- 19:30** Gala Dinner

Saturday, September 25, 2010

- 9:00** Sixth Open Session: Progress Toward Industry Harmonization and Standardization
- 10:30** Tea/coffee
- 11:00** **Closing Plenary Session**
 Chair:
 Invitation from Argentina, host of the 70th Plenary Meeting
 Closing comments by South Africa, host of the 68th Plenary Meeting
 Closing comments by other countries
 Closing comments by the Chair on behalf of the United States
- 12:00** Lunch for all participants
- 14:00** Start of Technical Tour





Accommodations

All lodging reservations will be coordinated through Visit Lubbock, the Convention and Visitors Bureau. A sufficient number of rooms have been set aside for attendees of the ICAC 69th Plenary Meeting at the selected hotels. Below you will find the designated hotels for the 69th Plenary Meetings. For additional information about hotel reservations, please visit the Web site www.icac.org.

For any questions concerning hotels, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Amy Zientek by telephone at 800.692.4035, by email at amy@visitlubbock.org or by fax at 806.747.1419.

The hotel rooms will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. To ensure that you receive the conference rate, please return your lodging request prior to the cut-off date of August 29, 2010.

Accommodation and Reservation Conditions Hotel rates do not include applicable taxes which total approximately 13 percent.

Overton Hotel and Conference Center – Headquarter Hotel

2322 Mac Davis Lane
Lubbock, Texas 79401
Web site: www.Overtonhotel.com
\$129 USD per night
Breakfast included
Conference held on site



Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers

801 Avenue Q
Lubbock, Texas 79401
Web site: www.HolidayInn.com/lubbock-civic
\$85 USD per night
Breakfast included in rate
5 minute drive to Overton Conference Center

Radisson

505 Avenue Q
Lubbock, Texas 79401
Web site: www.Radisson.com/Lubbocktx
\$87 USD per night
Breakfast included in rate
5 minute drive to Overton Conference Center



Overton Hotel and Conference Center

La Quinta Civic Center

601 Avenue Q
Lubbock, Texas 79401
Web site: www.521.lq.com
\$79 USD per night
Breakfast included
5 minute drive to Overton Conference Center

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Hotel Name	Class	Single Rooms	Double Rooms	Breakfast Included	Distance from Venue
The Overton Hotel and Conference Center	3.5	\$129.00	\$129.00	Yes	On site
Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers	3	\$85.00	\$85.00	Yes	1 mile, 5 minute drive
Radisson	3	\$87.00	\$87.00	Yes	1 mile, 5 minute drive
La Quinta Inn Civic Center	2.5	\$79.00	\$79.00	Yes	1 mile, 5 minute drive

Payment and Cancellation Policy

The Overton Hotel

Major credit card required to guarantee reservation. Credit cards accepted - Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. All individual reservations must be cancelled by 6 p.m. day of arrival to avoid a “no show” charge of one night room and tax.

Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers

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Radisson

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La Quinta Inn Civic Center

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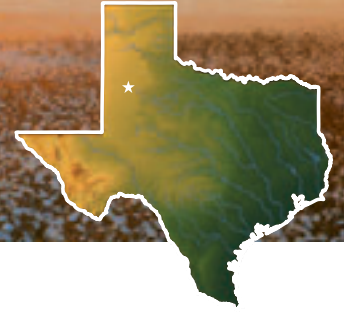
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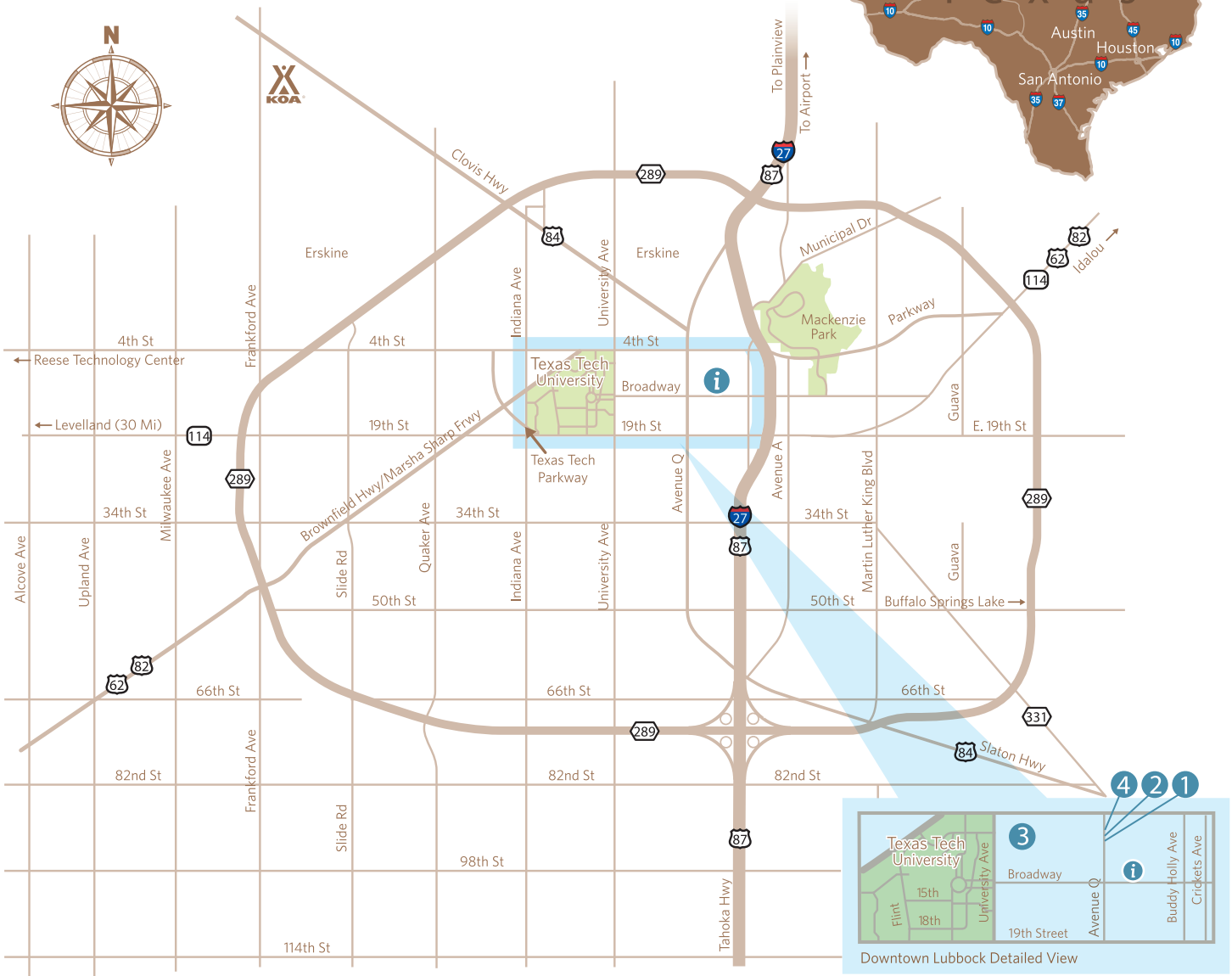


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www.overtonhotel.com
- 4** Radisson
505 Avenue Q
www.radisson.com/lubbocktexas



History

Today, Lubbock is a thriving, bustling city of over 218,000 people. But 200 years ago, the area was covered with tall grasses and roaming buffalo. The region was first discovered and named the Llano Estacado in 1540 by the infamous Spanish explorer, Coronado, on his quest for the “City of Gold.”

Lubbock began as two smaller towns until 1890 when “Old Lubbock” and “Monterey” joined together, on a new site, to establish a town consisting of 50 people. This new town, named after Tom S. Lubbock, a Confederate officer, Texas Ranger and signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, became the county seat less than a year after being established and officially became a city in 1909. That same year, Lubbock residents saw for the first time dark pillars of billowing smoke on the horizon as the first train pulled into Lubbock from Plainview.

Along with a thriving farming industry, Lubbock made great strides in the cotton industry. The area went from producing four bales of cotton in 1902 to producing over 100,000 bales in 1932. Today, the area centered on Lubbock county produces an astonishing two to three million bales of cotton per year.

In 1923, 30,000 Lubbock citizens fought hard to win the bid to establish a new college, called Texas Technological College. The college opened its doors in 1925 with 1,379 students. In 1976, Texas Tech University expanded with the establishment of the Health Sciences Center Campus, which is now a world-renowned medical school. Today, Texas Tech University is a first-class educational and research institution where students can think big, live fully and prepare for tomorrow.

Known as the “Music Crossroads of West Texas,” Lubbock has hosted many musical legends, including Lubbock’s son, Buddy Holly, who attracted followers and inspired musicians all around the world. Other well-known West Texas musicians include Mac Davis, Waylon Jennings, Tanya Tucker, Natalie Maines, The Maines Brothers and Bob Wills.

Lubbock is fast becoming a major metropolis. Thousands of visitors come to Lubbock every year to experience the great music, shopping, fine arts, performing arts, unique dining, Big XII sports and entertainment. But no matter how much Lubbock grows, it still offers visitors small-town hospitality and West Texas charm. The possibilities are endless in Lubbock.

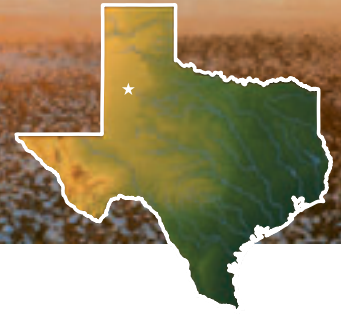
General Information

Lubbock is the home of Texas Tech University, Buddy Holly, unique shopping, dining and a legendary ranching and music heritage. Lubbock is also known for being the Hub City of the South Plains, the cotton capital of Texas, the center of a flourishing wine industry and home to a major health care center.

Lubbock has many amenities of a large metropolitan area such as an international airport, great shopping and restaurants, and excellent public and private schools, yet it retains a wonderful small-town atmosphere. Our area’s true strength is its people. They are spiritual, caring, proud, independent and exhibit a strong work ethic. With the perfect combination of location, pro-business atmosphere, highly educated workforce and an outstanding quality of life, it is easy to see that Lubbock is the Texas you’ve always dreamed of.

As the economic center of a 29-county region with more than 580,000 people (the city’s population is 218,327), Lubbock boasts a strong diverse economy grounded in agriculture, manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, government, education and health care. Located in the heart of the vast Southern Plains of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, Lubbock is a major regional center for business and industry. Lubbock’s central location provides easy access to the Southwest, the Rocky Mountains and the Great Plains Region.

Nicknamed the “Hub City” for being the economic, educational and health care hub of the South Plains, Lubbock is the largest contiguous cotton-growing region in the world and is located above the Ogallala Aquifer, one of the world’s largest water table aquifers.



Tours for Spouses

Tuesday

Lubbock has some of the best Western stores in the state with the friendliest service in West Texas. You will tour many of the fine retailers listed below for an eclectic group of Western apparel and nostalgic items.

Spend the afternoon shopping at one of the largest Western stores in Lubbock, **Dollar Western Wear**. From head to toe, you will find everything you need to be a real cowboy or cowgirl.

After you've bought your cowboy boots and belt, head over to **Coyote Candle Company** where you will find western furniture, one-of-a-kind decorations and special novelties that compliment the best-in-Texas style.

On your way back to the hotel, you will have just enough time to drive down the street and stop at **Hat Creek Trading Company**. Shop for accessories that have been blessed with a Texas Hill Country style. You will find décor for every room in your house.

Wednesday

Lubbock is the Texas tour groups have always dreamed of... We are the home of Texas Tech, Buddy Holly, unique shopping, dining and a legendary ranching and music heritage.

No visit to Lubbock is complete without a stop at the **Buddy Holly Center** in the historic Depot Entertainment District. The Center houses a permanent exhibition dedicated to the life and music of Buddy Holly, which showcases unique memorabilia donated by the family, friends and fans of Lubbock's favorite son. The center also houses the Texas Musicians Hall of Fame and the Lubbock Fine Arts Gallery. TM, Maria Elena Holly, licensed by Luminary Group LLC, www.luminaryGroup.com.

Feel the music in your heart and transform your mind to the 1950's with the legend Buddy Holly left Lubbock. You will leave singing the song *Peggy Sue, Peggy Sue...*

We will jump in the bus and take a short drive to the **National Ranching Heritage Center** where the history of the West Texas ranch life has been captured. Experience the

real West, where the story of ranching in North America is told through the preservation of 48 authentic structures (historic ranch houses, post offices and the 6666 barn) displayed on a 16-acre site. You will also see the largest jackrabbits in the West!

Now that you know how the West was won, we will blow your mind at the **American Wind Power Center**, a museum where you will witness how the power of wind has been a profitable natural resource for Lubbock and West Texas. The museum is located on 28 acres of rolling city park-land in the Yellow House Canyon, a great place to stretch your legs and see the amazing landscape of the West Texas sky. There are more than 150 rare and fully restored windmills on display in an interpretive center and on the grounds. A new addition to the center is a 6,000 sq.ft. "Legacy of the Wind Mural" that decorates the events venue. This is a great place for groups to kick back and enjoy a Texas sunset.

We'll end the day with a stop in Lubbock's **Depot Entertainment District**. Whether you're looking for live music, a glass of wine or just a place to unwind, you will enjoy the eclectic mix of restaurants, wineries and live music.

Other Suggestions for this tour:

Public Art Tour

Texas Tech enriches the cultural and intellectual life of its campuses by building and maintaining a unique collection of public art created by leading artists of our time. Texas Tech University's public art collection was recently named one of the top 10 university public art collections in the U.S. by *Public Art Review*, the leading journal in the field of public art.

Thursday

We figured that one day is just not enough for shopping, so hop on the bus and enjoy a short ride to Kingsgate Center, where sophisticated style meets unexpected variety; it's shopping serendipity. Kingsgate Center is the one destination where unique ideas and experiences continually unfold. Enjoy convenient storefront parking as you savor more than 40 premier local and national retailers such as Talbots, Ann Taylor, Chico's and Coldwater Creek.



Other shopping suggestions include:

Lubbock's shopping scene is unique in every way. From boutiques to outdoor shopping centers, you'll enjoy the variety Lubbock has to offer.

Canyon West is the newest, largest shopping/entertainment venue in the Lubbock area. Planned for 800,000 square feet, the shopping center offers an array of national level retailers such as Kirkland's, Target, Ulta and more.

Lubbock offers many boutique shops. Among them is **Hodgepodge Design**, specializing in distinctive gifts, jewelry, home décor, stationery and invitations. This boutique is the perfect place for a special gift or to indulge in your own simple pleasures.

Hollyhocks features Vera Bradley soft luggage and accessories, decorative accessories, baby gifts, clothing, Pine Cone Hill bedding and sleepwear, bath and body treats, Tyler candles and the Lynn Haney Collection of handcrafted Santas.

Find yourself in a shopper's paradise at **Hulla B'lu and Filigree** surrounded by fresh ideas and unique and unexpected treasures, as well as the latest clothing, accessories and shoes. Find antiques, hand-painted furniture, interior accessories and gifts in a colorful atmosphere.

If you're looking for a traditional shopping mall, you'll enjoy the specialty and name brand stores the **South Plains Mall** has to offer. Anchored by department stores Dillard's, JC Penney, Bealls and Sears, South Plains Mall is the premier shopping destination in West Texas. More than 150 stores, including American Eagle Outfitters, Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, Forever 21, Christopher & Banks and many more make South Plains Mall the largest mall in the region, offering an incomparable selection of stores.

Friday

End the week with a relaxing tour of Lubbock's five wineries. All five of Lubbock's wineries are a must-see when you visit the area that is responsible for over 70% of the

total wine grape production in Texas. The wineries include the following:

***Llano Estacado Winery:** located just outside the city limits. It is Texas' most award-winning winery. Most of the world-class grapes used by the winery are grown within a 100-mile radius of Lubbock. Llano Estacado offers guided tours explaining the process of winemaking and the art of wine tasting.



Cap Rock Winery - Courtesy of Visit Lubbock

***Cap* Rock Winery:** located on U.S. Hwy 87 and Woodrow Road. Savor the flavor and enjoy the beautiful architecture that makes Cap*Rock a great place for special events and gatherings. Cap*Rock offers tours and wine tastings.

***La Diosa Cellars:** located at 901 17th Street in the Depot Entertainment District. Three generations of winemaking in the family gives La Diosa Cellars a unique approach

to this winery. The eclectic atmosphere has a wonderful flow with the cultural decorations and bistro menu. Take home a piece of the beautiful décor or perhaps some wine, available by the bottle or case. Open late nights for those who want to enjoy wonderful wine at all hours while listening to live music weekly.

***McPherson Cellars Winery:** located at 1615 Texas Avenue in the Depot Entertainment District, inside the historic Coca-Cola Bottling Plant. The building has been restored and renovated into a world-class winery that is now the new home of McPherson Cellars. The functional, classic industrial styling of the original building is seamlessly integrated with the look of modern winemaking. Winemaker Kim McPherson invites you to experience the welcoming beauty of the winery's tasting room, outdoor courtyard and spacious event center.

***Pheasant Ridge Winery:** located at Exit #14 off Interstate 27 (east 2 miles to winery sign). Pheasant Ridge is a family-owned self-contained winery and vineyard operation located in the "Texas High Plains." The vineyard of 60 acres was planted in 1979. The Gipson family has a long and dedicated tradition of producing fine, state-grown wines. The tasting room and gift shop are open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



Pre and Post Meeting Tours of Texas

Delegates with an interest in experiencing the history, culture and scenery of the great state of Texas are invited to contact National Travel Systems at the address below to arrange for personal tours. Tours can be customized as to duration, cost and destination based on the interests of each participant. A sampling of available tours is shown below. Feel free to contact Shelli McGee, National Travel Systems, at the address below for specific information about each tour or any other locations you might want to visit.

History of Texas

Includes two cities: Austin and San Antonio.

Packages can include the Alamo, River Walk, State Capitol, and tours of the Capitol. We can customize this however you prefer. We can include dinners, shows, transfers, shopping, theme parks, water parks, SeaWorld, Tower of America, San Antonio Zoo, Market Street downtown San Antonio, Spanish Missions, and museums. The outlet mall in San Marcus is on the way to Austin and the Natural Caves. There are many more options that we can offer you depending on your wants and needs.

This tour ranges from 3-5 days, and the starting cost is about \$700.00 per person.

Escape to the Big City-Dallas

We can offer hotel, car, air, professional football (American) game tickets, restaurants, shopping, spa treatments, tours of the Cowboy's stadium, Six Flags Over Texas (theme park), Reunion Tower, night life, dinner shows, Victoria Park movies under the stars, World Aquarium, Dallas Arboretum, Museum of Art, ice skating in the Galleria, and the West End.

This tour ranges from 2-4 days, and the starting cost is about \$550.00 per person.

Hill Country-Small Wineries in Texas

This is a really interesting part of Texas. Take your time and discover the beautiful countryside along with some wonderful wineries, and small quaint towns full of treasures. Fredericksburg has 8 different wineries to discover, Kerrville has 4, and Dipping Springs has 2. These are wonderful cities to relax and spend some time together.

This tour ranges from 4-5 days, and the starting cost is about \$750.00 per person.

Texas Beaches-Houston/Galveston

We can offer anything you might be able to think of in these two great cities. There are professional football (American) teams, deep sea fishing, and shopping. We can set you up on a 4 or 5 day cruise out of Galveston to the Western Caribbean, or just sit back on the Galveston beaches and enjoy the sun and fun-filled nights.

This tour ranges from 5-6 days, and the starting cost is about \$800.00 per person.

For more information, please contact:

Shelli McGee
National Travel Systems
4314 South Loop 289
Lubbock, TX 79413
(806) 798-5999-ext 530
Email: shellim@takeavacation.com



ICAC Tour on Thursday afternoon, September 23

Visit the facilities and grounds of the Texas AgriLife Research Center and the USDA's Agricultural Research Service near Lubbock. The Texas AgriLife Research Center is part of the Texas state network for agricultural research, while the Agricultural Research Service is funded by the national government. Tour the cotton breeding farm, the extensive greenhouse facilities that display diverse species from the national gene bank of the U.S., the irrigation experiments, and the cotton harvesting and ginning research facilities. Hear and discuss the cotton research programs being conducted at these two great research installations.

For those not interested in technology and research, the opportunity for shopping and sightseeing will also be available on Thursday afternoon.



National Ranching Heritage Center - Courtesy of Visit Lubbock

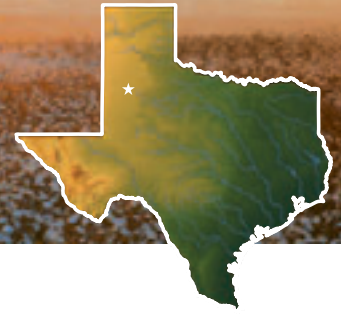
ICAC Post-Meeting Tour during Saturday afternoon through Monday afternoon, September 25-27

Following the adjournment of the 69th ICAC Plenary Meeting, interested people may elect to spend two and a half days (Saturday afternoon through Monday afternoon) observing and discussing the entire cotton infrastructure on the Texas Plains. Due to the in-depth focus of this tour, the participation will be limited to 50 attendees at the ICAC Meeting. The cost to participate in this guided tour is US\$175.00.

The tour will include the following:

- A commercial cotton farming operation
- Large-scale mechanical harvesting of cotton
- Building modules of harvested seed cotton and transporting to gin
- A modern, state-of-the-art cotton gin
- A preeminent cotton fiber research, testing and evaluation facility
- The largest U.S. cottonseed processing plant (producing oil, meal, linters and hulls)
- A major cotton warehousing operation
- The cotton and irrigation research farm at Texas Tech University
- The largest denim manufacturing plant in the U.S.
- The cotton research and development laboratory of a major U.S. cotton seed company
- The highest volume USDA cotton classing office in the U.S.
- Time will be allocated to allow explanations and discussions throughout this educational tour.

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