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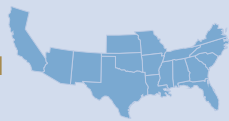


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WELCOME TO TCGA

It is time once again to return to Lubbock for the 118th Annual Meeting and Cotton Trade Show of the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association. The TCGA staff have been hard at work to make sure this is a memorable event for all attending. The officers, executive committee, board of directors and staff of TCGA hope you will join us at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on April 9 and 10.

Our theme this year is "U.S. Cotton — Achieving Greatness One Bale at a Time." We were certainly happy to see a much-improved 2025 crop, which was so desperately needed in our part of the country. While poor prices are certainly putting a damper on the cotton industry, at least we were able to produce a relatively normal amount of cotton for a change. Hopefully, we will have a great turnout from across the Cotton Belt this year, and folks will be looking to implement some of the improvements that have been put off for several years.

We started this past year in Texas hopeful as always, and in some cases that optimism was exceeded! The Valley was hit hard once again this year, but the gins further up the coast ended up with a good crop. Central Texas produced a decent crop on the acreage that was planted to cotton. In West Texas, there was a surprisingly good crop, partially offset by other areas where the crop was zeroed out once again. We planted fewer acres this year (5.3 million) than last year (5.9 million) but harvested around 4 million acres as opposed to closer to 3 million last year.

Our industry is struggling, and from a policy standpoint, a lot of folks are working hard to develop policy options that will help our infrastructure stay intact. In Texas, we are about to roll out a program designed to help agricultural infrastructure recover from the severe economic stress that has resulted from the past three years.

On the national front, the Buying American Cotton Act (BACA) was filed on January 22. This bill has a lot of bipartisan support, and the National Cotton Council and others have worked hard to push it along. As we have heard from many sources, we must work to increase the demand for cotton in order to improve pricing. In addition, efforts like the "Plant Not Plastic" campaign are critical to communicating cotton's benefits to the general consumer.

As we head into the next planting season, we are starting with a projected planting of 5,220,800 acres, according to the USDA, down just a bit from this year's reported plantings of 5,322,000. As we all know, the planting numbers are an early indicator, but what really counts is harvested acres, and hopefully our abandonment rates will continue at more normal levels for the upcoming crop. To bring this all into perspective, our 10-year

average acres harvested is 4,064,950, so we could have a decent crop with some help from Mother Nature!

Right now, we are pretty dry in most of Texas, but we have a good chance of moisture in the near future. We hope that we will get this crop planted and have some timely rainfall throughout the growing season.

As we continue to move toward fewer ginning facilities, the ones left must remain at the top of their game to get the next crop processed in a timely manner. The TCGA show provides a great opportunity to assist you in gearing up for this next crop. At the show, ginners can experience the latest cotton ginning technology. Technology and automation are keys to assuring gins are at the top of their game in efficiency, especially as our gins increase in capacity.

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The gin school is held immediately prior to the show and is a great place to hone your operational skills and learn with other ginners from across the United States. Come early and attend the gin school but be sure to register soon as the school fills up quickly. The gin schools offer something for everyone, regardless of how much experience you have. If you have never been to a gin school, I would highly recommend it.

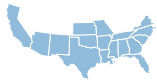
The TCGA show has excellent exhibitors who can help you maximize the efficiency of your gin and your workforce. These folks are there to help you continually improve your operation. I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity by attending our event and visiting our exhibitors to see what they have to offer. These exhibitors spend a lot of time and money bringing their equipment and people to our show, so be sure to check out each and every exhibit during the show.

In Texas, we experienced an excellent turnaround compared to the previous three years, and hopefully these improvements will continue into 2026! We hope to see you in Lubbock this April where hopefully we can help you and your gin move toward "Achieving Greatness One Bale at a Time."

We look forward to seeing you in Lubbock!

— J. Kelley Green





2026 TCGA ANNUAL MEETING & TRADE SHOW SCHEDULE

MONDAY / APRIL 6

Southwest Cotton Ginners School
USDA-ARS South Plains Ginning Laboratory

TUESDAY / APRIL 7

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WEDNESDAY / APRIL 8

TCGA Golf Tournament
Meadowbrook Golf Course

Southwest Cotton Ginners School
USDA-ARS South Plains Ginning Laboratory

THURSDAY / APRIL 9

TCGA's 118th Cotton Trade Show
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

- Show Registration, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., North Entrance
- Purchase Tickets at Show Registration for Friday's TCGA Awards Dinner (*Gin members can pick up two free tickets*).
- Gin Owners and Managers register for \$100 hourly drawing and \$500 Awards Dinner drawing

Official Show Opening
9 a.m.

Civic Center, North Entrance

TCGA Domino Tournament
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Civic Center, Room 104

Convention Lunch - Cafeteria Style
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Southwest Corner of Pedestrian Mall Exhibit Area

TCGA Executive Committee Meeting
(Committee Members Only)

Noon-2 p.m.

Civic Center, Room 102

Spouse Event - Dress Your Door
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Civic Center, Terrace Suite

Taste of Lubbock Party for All Show Attendees
4:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Civic Center,
Banquet Hall

Capital Farm Credit and Atmos Energy Corporation will be sponsoring coffee and doughnuts near the registration area Thursday and Friday at 9 a.m.



FRIDAY / APRIL 10

TCGA Board of Directors Meeting
7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Civic Center, Banquet Hall

Breakfast for Directors and Past Presidents Spouses
8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.

Overton Hotel & Conference Center, Canyon Room

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TCGA Life Member Luncheon
Noon-1:30 p.m.

Civic Center, Room 102

Texas Cotton Ginners' Trust Annual Meeting
2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Civic Center, Banquet Hall

TCGA Awards Dinner & Vegas Night Celebration:
6:30 p.m. Reception

7 p.m. Awards Dinner

Overton Hotel & Conference Center, Sunset A & B Ballrooms

- Ticket Required (*May be purchased at show registration or gin members can pick up two free tickets*)
- Rex Ford, TCGA President, Presiding

Presentation of Awards

- Golf Tournament
- Domino Tournament
- Life Member
- Texas Ginner of the Year

Announcement of New Officers and Executive Committee

\$500 Cash Drawing for Gin Owners and Managers
(must be present to win)

Vegas Night Celebration –
Including Casino, Prizes, and Entertainment
8:45 p.m.-11 p.m.

Overton Hotel & Conference Center, Sunset A Ballroom

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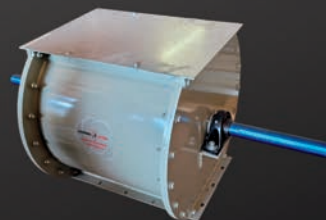
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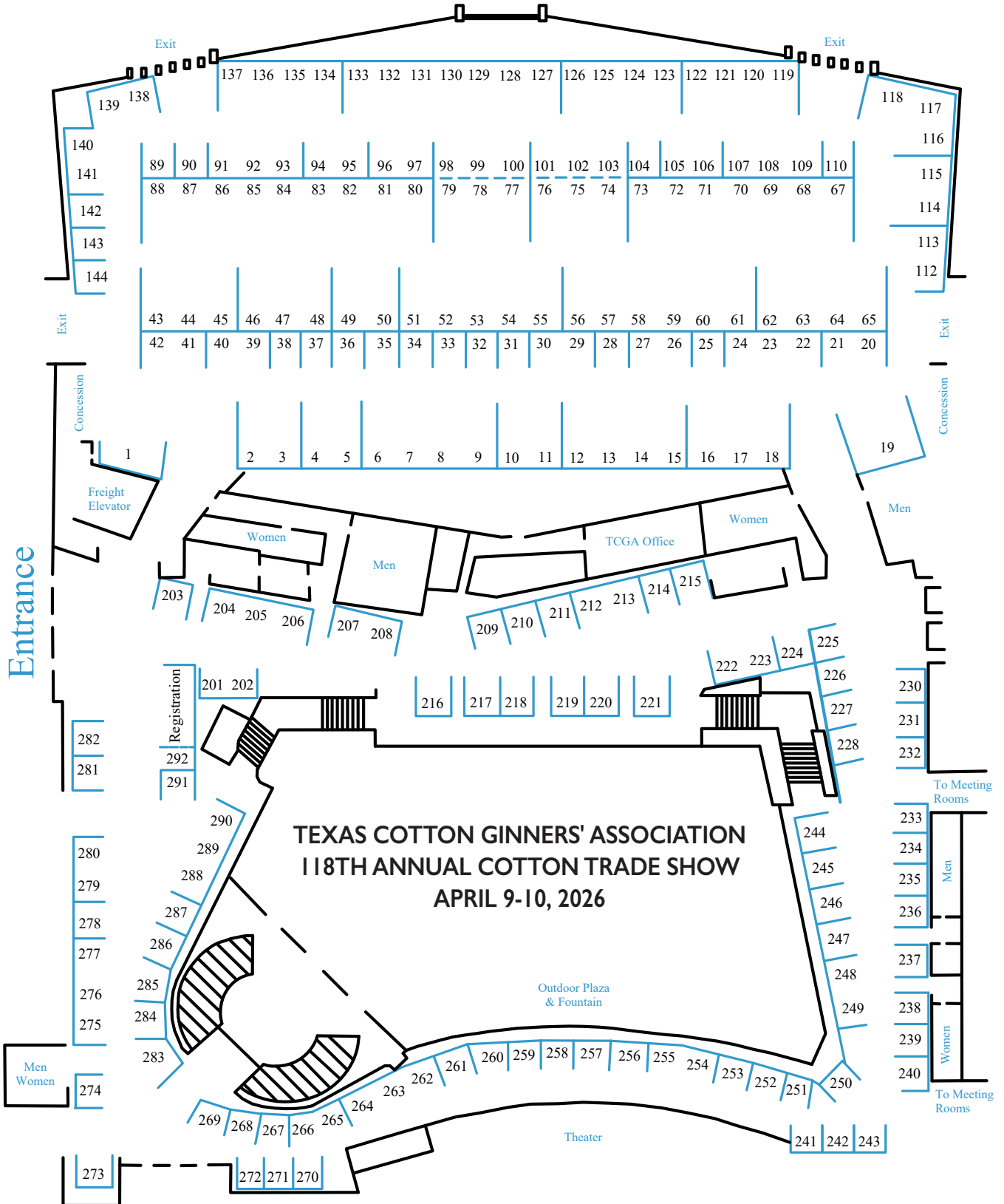
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DANNY MOSES

TEXAS GINNER OF THE YEAR

“When the call came from Kelley Green, I was filled with gratitude and reminded of the respect I have for all my peers awarded this honor before me,” Danny Moses said of his selection as the Texas Ginner of the Year.

The recognition is particularly fitting considering the Moses family has been in the cotton industry more than 90 years, operating gins all over Texas. Danny’s paternal grandfather, known as Lefty Moses, managed the Petronilla Cooperative Gin Co. in Robstown, Texas, before retiring in 1975.

“I spent many summers at Petronilla watching the day-to-day gin operations,” Danny said. “Guess you could say my ‘first job’ in a gin was when I was able to engage the clutch on an H-Tractor and keep my ‘tail’ in the seat to become the ‘yard boy.’”

During his summers in high school, Danny’s father, Doug Moses, worked for several gins operated by the Moses family. His first job as a full-time ginner was at Abernathy Co-op Gin in West Texas.

Doug was a serviceman with Continental Gin Co. when Danny was born in 1960, and he purchased Moses Gin in 1962. Its first operating season was in 1963. For more than 100 years, a cotton gin has been in this location.

HOT ROD GINNING

Danny decided to venture into the oilfield working on land and offshore rigs after high school. In 1983, he got his first driller position on land and then worked offshore in Brazil. In 1992, a job opportunity became available with Continental Eagle in Prattville, Alabama, and Danny was offered work as a serviceman in the Southeastern states.

“As a result of my reputation in this service industry, I was offered my first gin superintendent position in Georgia,” he said.

When Kirk Brock, general manager of Doerun Gin, Doerun, Georgia, asked Danny Moses to come on board as gin superintendent, he didn’t know he was hiring a man whom some in the industry referred to as “the Mario Andretti of ginning.” Brock soon learned that Moses did indeed run a gin like Andretti drove a car and had turned out more bales of cotton with two stands in one day than anyone else ever had.

“I got paid by the lint pound, and the farmer did also,” Danny said, “so keeping trips through the lint cleaners to a minimum without compromising quality was important.”



Danny Moses and his wife, Shannon, work side by side at Moses Gin, Inc. in Wharton, Texas.

Later, the young ginner started his own consulting and gin service business named after his children, Catcol, Inc.

“In 1999, I moved back to Texas to work with Moses Gin,” Danny said. “I also continued to consult and provide service to U.S. gins and overseas gins in Argentina, Spain, and West Africa.”

THE ‘BIG PICTURE’

Moses Gin is a 2-141 Continental gin stand plant with a Continental BesPress. The facility includes a cyclone bank and two burr houses



Danny Moses with members of his gin crew: Ignacio Garcia-ginner (left) and Eric Trevino-outside operations.

BIO/CAREER

- Resident of Wharton, Texas.
- Gin Manager, Moses Gin, Inc.
- Past member, TCGA board of directors.
- Past president, TCGA.
- TCGA Life Member.
- Past board member, National Cotton Ginners Association.
- Delegate, National Cotton Council.
- Past board member, Wharton County Youth Fair.
- Past board member, Wharton Chamber of Commerce.
- Member, First Presbyterian Church, Wharton.
- Married to wife Shannon Moses.
- Twin children: Caitlan Moses and Colton Moses.
- Graduated Wharton High School.
- Attended Wharton County Junior College.
- Enjoys spending time with his family, camping, offshore fishing, scuba diving, and various lake activities.



with trash trailers underneath. To the right of the plant are two overhead seed houses where the cottonseed that the gin markets for the farmer is stored. The north end of the gin yard holds 22 round-bale modules and 16 to 18 round-bale modules are staged on the south end of the gin yard.

“We typically gin 12 modules a shift,” Danny said. “It’s based on the cotton. There are a lot of different varieties out there, and seed weights vary greatly — as does the quality of the fiber — depending on growing conditions from one farm to the next.”

In the past decade, Moses Gin has averaged 16 bales per hour, 375 in a 24-hour period, producing 23,000 bales annually.

“Moses Gin has always been proactive in customer service and refers to their producers as ‘family,’” Danny said. “Men and machinery are here for one reason — to produce the highest quality fiber, grade-A bale, for our producers, some of whom are third-generation farmers.”

LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES

The “employee family” at Moses Gin consists of ginners who have been working with the company for as many as 21 years. Many of its seasonal employees have been there for more than 10 years.

“Both day and night crews have the highest of standards and loyalty to the family business,” Danny said.

The gin’s first office manager was Celeta Moses, who is married to Doug Moses. Celeta retired in 2015, and Danny’s wife, Shannon Moses — who had been with the gin since 2005, took over that position where she continues working today. The office staff also has a seasonal employee — Billie Rock,



*Moses Gin, Inc.
Wharton, Texas*

Danny’s aunt — who has been with the gin for more than 40 years.

“We take pride in the fact that employees provide a professional, safe, and friendly working environment,” Danny said. “Regularly, our office staff’s customer service is complimented by our business associates.”

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS

Safety in the plant is of utmost priority at Moses Gin. The crews always attend the TCGA safety seminars and continuing education as provided.

“I appreciate being a part of the Texas Cotton Ginners’ Association and other industry organizations,” Danny said. “These groups enable me to be a part of the continuing changes that result in improving and preserving the quality of fiber produced in Texas.”

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Pictured at Wharton County Historical Museum are Haley Garza (front), RheAnn Garza (left), Caitlan Moses, Doug Moses, Celeta Moses, Danny Moses, Shannon Moses, and Colton Moses.



Moses Gin’s office staff includes Shannon Moses, office manager (left) and Denise Romero, office assistant/scale clerk.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



REX FORD
President

This year's ginning season is the one most all Texans have been looking for. We've had about a three-year bust down here, so it's good to pretty well be back to what we normally gin.

The season went real smoothly, so, we're very happy with that on the ginning side. From the farmer's side, it's not very good — 60-cent cotton doesn't work.

If there was an alternative crop farmers could grow, a lot of them would probably switch because they're just losing money on cotton. The only way they might break even is with the Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) Program. But, the big guys are capped out at \$150,000, and they're probably losing a million and a half.

For the past seven or eight years, we've also lost land to solar panels. We've probably lost 15,000 acres of cotton around Stamford in Jones County, and it's just going wild now. Anyway, that's how it is.

As far as my past year of service as president of the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association, it couldn't be any better. I have enjoyed this year very much, and I am still enjoying it.

TCGA's staff — Kelley, Aaron and Duncan — make it easy. I get to talk with them about issues and give my opinion, but they do all the heavy work; I just put the final

okay on it. We are very fortunate to have this group of people to work with.

Some major challenges TCGA was faced with resolving in the 2025 season included bale wrapping, bale strapping, and bale weights. We settled the bale weight issue. The bale wrapping challenge involves switching to specific polyethylene or improved woven polypropylene.

This can be expensive for gins, but we got a deal to make the switch in a few years, which will give the gins more time to make the change. The staff spent a lot of effort on these issues, but I think we resolved them in a satisfactory manner.

John Steelhammer — the incoming president — is well-liked and knows his business. My advice to him as he prepares to step in as TCGA president is to keep doing what he's doing because he does a great job.

Although farmers and ginners have been struggling, agriculture is a great life. I think this year is going to really help us. At this point, we just live on hope and a prayer that cotton prices can change tomorrow. I think that says it all.

I've had a wonderful life in the cotton industry. It's been a good ride, and I'm going to try to ride it a little longer.

BIO/CAREER

- Resides in Stamford, Texas.
- Gin manager at Farmers Cooperative Society of Stamford/Radium.
- Two gins and two grain elevators.
- Average gin capacity of 55,000-60,000 bales.
- First-generation ginner.
- Board member and previous president for Texas Ag Co-op Council.
- PCCA board member.
- Graduated from Tarleton State University.
- Married to wife Cindy.
- Three children: Tiffany, Tara, Tristan.
- Six grandchildren: Shelby Ford, Breck Lawson, Charlie Lawson, Dally Lawson, Hattie Rollins and Halton Rollins.



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INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think the 2025 ginning season statewide was a complete surprise overall. Texas started off with acres down but ended with a much better yield than expected.

In my opinion, the mindset toward cotton in Texas is mixed with cotton prices being in the tank and the extra expense of planting cotton causing producers to scratch their heads. Fortunately, with feed crop prices being low as well, cotton will always be king. We just need Mother Nature and the prices to cooperate to make it work, which are two things out of a ginner's control.

I got involved with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association early in my career to keep abreast of what was going on in the industry. I chose to be involved in the officer rotation because I wanted to make an impact by working alongside the TCGA staff to help keep our organization moving forward for our members.

In my upcoming leadership role in the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association, I look forward to cultivating new relationships and listening to ginners across the state about ever-changing issues. Over the past 35 gin seasons, I've had many older mentors. Sadly, most of them are retired or no longer with us. I am hoping to fill the gap for the next generation of ginners.

The TCGA staff — Kelley, Aaron and Duncan — are known throughout the United States. They receive phone calls every day on

subjects such as permitting, policy, a political question concerning the TCGA, district meetings and OSHA issues. The staff is a complete team, and the TCGA is where it is today because of these three individuals.

I can't leave out the Texas Cotton Ginners Trust. Robert and his staff keep worker's comp insurance affordable for the gins and strive to keep gin safety and loss prevention at the forefront.

Also, we've been losing gins at an alarming rate through mergers, or the gins just closing their doors. One day, Texas will have a bumper crop, and I believe the worry then will be if the remaining gins can get the producer's cotton ginned in a timely fashion.

There are many challenges that face the ginning industry today, from cotton prices to drought to the American Cotton Shippers Association trade rules to labor and electricity. Although tomorrow will bring even more challenges, the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association will continue to find solutions.



JOHN STEELHAMMER
Incoming President

BIO/CAREER

- Resides in Mathis, Texas.
- Owns and operates Coastal Plains Cotton Co.
- Owned and operated a cotton warehouse for many years as well.
- Serves on the Texas Cotton Ginners Trust Board.
- Serves as president of the San Patricio & Aransas Counties Stock Show.
- Previously served on the Mathis ISD Board of Trustees.
- Previously served on the Texas FFA Board.
- Married to wife Kim.
- Two daughters: Baily, 30, (husband Spencer) and Landry, 25.
- Two grandsons: Steel, 3, and Silas, 6 months.



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TCGA STAFF

KELLEY GREEN

Heading the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association office in Round Rock is KELLEY GREEN, Executive Vice President. Green manages the Association's activities, is responsible for its financial operations, works with the legislature, and provides a ginner's point of view when it comes to legislation and regulations. He works with agencies such as the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on regulations relating to gins.

Green manages the TCGA's participation in rate cases before the Public Utility Commission and the Association's electric aggregation program, which contracts for the purchase of electricity in the deregulated market. He also serves as the organization's representative at many other state and national industry meetings during the year.

AARON NELSEN

Aaron Nelsen serves as Special Projects and Communications Manager. Nelsen oversees and manages the contract with Texas Cotton Producers and the Texas State Support Committee. He organizes statewide safety seminars each year and updates members on various environmental, safety, and regulatory issues. Nelsen is responsible for the Association's monthly newsletter, manages the TCGA Gin Show and oversees updating the Redbook member directory each year.

DUNCAN MCCOOK

Duncan McCook serves as the Manager of Regulatory Affairs. McCook assists ginner with regulatory compliance, including environmental permitting and emission inventory reporting through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and other state regulatory agencies. He also works on safety and regulatory issues, including the U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA, and Wage and Hour Division compliance and state environmental compliance.



TCGA staff members include J. Kelley Green (left), Aaron Nelsen, and Duncan McCook.

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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

TCGA Scholarship Program

The future of the agriculture industry lies in the hands of the next generation. Their energy, dedication, and desire to contribute are qualities worth supporting to ensure their success. These young people are more than capable of moving the agriculture industry forward and maintaining the long-term viability of this important segment of our society. Investing in them is a wise move.

For this reason, *Cotton Grower* is pleased to support the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Scholarship program by contributing a portion of the revenue from the sale of ads in the TCGA Annual Meeting and Trade Show guide.

This year's check will be presented Friday night, April 10, at the awards banquet held at the Overton Hotel in Lubbock. "TCGA and *Cotton Grower* magazine are continuing a great tradition of investing in the future leaders of the cotton industry through the TCGA Scholarship program", said Kelley Green, TCGA executive vice president. "Through this program, we are able to support Texas Tech in their effort to attract the best and brightest students for the cotton industry."

BELOW ARE THE STUDENTS WHO ARE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2025-26 TCGA SCHOLARSHIPS:

- **Sydney Cornelius:** Sudan, Texas, Agribusiness.
- **Mirhonda Good:** Alamogordo, New Mexico, Agricultural Communications.
- **Jacqueline Houchins:** Austin, Texas, Horticulture and Turfgrass Science.
- **Seth Howell:** Angleton, Texas, Crop Science.
- **Wade Johnson:** Frisco, Texas, Agribusiness.
- **Wes Morris:** Madisonville, Texas, Agricultural and Applied Economics.
- **Kateley Morton:** Plainview, Texas, Environmental Soil Water Science.
- **Amanda Nelsen:** Pflugerville, Texas, Agricultural Education.
- **Jonathan Perez:** Arlington, Texas, Crop Science.
- **Alora Snowden:** San Antonio, Texas, Agricultural and Applied Economics.

ROCKY KING SCHOLARSHIP:

- **Baran Robinson:** Lubbock, Texas, Agricultural and Applied Economics.

STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVES

Here is how a couple of past recipients of the TCGA Scholarship described its importance to their education. "Every dollar helps," Charles Walker said. "I plugged this scholarship money into tuition, so I could mark that down on the budget as something I didn't have to worry about. It really eased my load financially, so I could concentrate on my studies."

Brady Arthur said, "I am able to put more time into my classes and my current internship with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Research Service Cotton Gin Lab and focus less on trying to find a job to raise money. I've enjoyed getting hands on experience at the



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lab where we are working on new ways to increase ginning efficiency. Every day I am thankful for receiving the TCGA scholarship. It means a lot to me and my parents." To learn more about the TCGA scholarships, visit the Texas Tech website — ttu.edu — and search "Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Endowed Scholarship."

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