

A G E N D A

Fifth Australian Cotton Conference
Hotel Conrad and Jupiters Casino
Broadbeach, Gold Coast, Queensland

Organised by the Australian Cotton Growers Research Association
Incorporated (AOGRA)

T H E M E:- THE AUSTRALIAN COTTON INDUSTRY UNDER THE
MICROSCOPE

Tuesday August 7th 1990

- 12 noon - Registration desk opens
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm- Welcome cocktails at Hotel Conrad
- Presentation by Queensland Youth Choir
- Dinner at own arrangements.

Wednesday August 8th 1990

- 7am - Registration desk re-opens
- 8:15am - Welcome and opening by Richard Williams (AOGRA)
(Chairman of Conference Organising Committee)
- 8:20am - Varieties and Diseases
- Chairman - Alan Brimblecombe
(Chairman - Queensland Cotton Holdings Pty Ltd)
- 8:20am - John Grellman (Cotton Grower, Merah North)
- Are the growers' needs being met?
- Agronomics, earliness, blight, lodging.
- 8:30am - Bruce Pyke (Consultant - Biloela)
- The raingrown needs.
- 8:40am - Dr Danny Llewellyn (CSIRO Division of Plant
Industry, Canberra)
- Update on genetic engineering
- The achievements and the possibilities

- 9:00am - Dr Norm Thomson (CSIRO Cotton Research Unit, Myall Vale)
- Challenges to the plant breeder.
- 9:15am - Bill McDonnell (Agronomist - Cotton Seed Distributors Ltd., Wee Waa)
- Current varietal performance and new commercial lines.
- 9:25am - Dr Stephen Allen (NSW Agriculture & Fisheries, Myall Vale)
- The World of Disease - pathological, breeding, management.
- 9:45am - QUESTION TIME
- 10am - 10:40am - Morning Tea
- 10:40am - Marketing, Monetary Issues and Economics
- Chairman - Mr John Blood (Chairman Cotton Research Council)
- 10:40am - Jim Prendergast (Nampi Cotton Co-operative Ltd., Wee Waa)
- The Fundamentals of classing.
- HVI, types
- 10:50am - Ray Butler (Cotlook Ltd. - Liverpool, United Kingdom)
- The World Outlook
- Production - Consumption, prices
- 11:10am - John Chatterton (Chief General Manager)
Australian Banking
Westpac Banking Corporation, Sydney)
- How to manage finances - day to day problems
- 11:25am - Stephen Wyatt (Merrill Lynch (Australia) Pty. Ltd, Sydney)
- Mechanics of Marketing
- Futures, currencies, options
- 11:45am - Trevor Dawson (Managing Director - Rocklea Spinning Mills, Melbourne)
- Expanding Australian Opportunities.

- 12 noon - Panel Discussion
 - Previous speakers, representatives of processors and marketers - panel to address list of questions.
- 12:30pm - 2pm - Lunch in International Showroom.
- 2pm - Agronomy
 - Chairman - Walt Bickett (Managing Director - Auscott Ltd.)
- 2pm - Brian Hearn (CSIRO Cotton Research Unit, Myall Vale)
 - Rainfed cotton.
 - The risks, probabilities and management.
- 2:15pm - Ben Coulton (Cotton Grower, Goondiwindi)
 - Options with limited water.
- 2:25pm - Dr Greg Constable (NSW Agriculture & Fisheries, Myall Vale)
 - N rate and Pix.
- 2:40pm - Dr John Freney (CSIRO Division of Plant Industry, Canberra)
 - The fate of your N fertiliser.
- 2:50pm - John Holland (NSW Agriculture & Fisheries, Tamworth)
 - Micronutrients - are they a problem?
- 3pm - Ian Daniells (NSW Agriculture & Fisheries, Myall Vale)
 - Update on soilpak.
- 3:10pm - QUESTION TIME
- 3:30pm - 4:15pm - Afternoon tea
- 4:15pm - 5:45pm - Grower/Researcher Forum - "Earliness"
 - Chairman - Dr Vic Edge (NSW Agriculture & Fisheries, Rydalmere)
 - Vice Chairman - Geoff Brown (President)
 NSW Cotton Consultant's Assn
 Wee Waa.

Resource Speakers for "Earliness" Forum
include:-

Dr David Parvin (USA)
 Dr Greg Constable (NSW Agriculture & Fisheries)
 Mr Neil Forrester (NSW Agriculture & Fisheries)
 Dr Barbara Nowack (Centre for Environmental
 Toxicology, Sydney)
 Mr Brian Hearn (CSIRO Cotton Research Unit)
 Ms Marie McCaskill (Australian Cotton
 Foundation)
 Dr Gary Fitt (CSIRO Cotton Research Unit)
 Dr Peter Cull (Irrigation Management and Cotton
 Consultant, Narrabri)

- 7:30pm for 8pm - Conference Dinner at Hotel Conrad and Jupiters Casino.
 - Fashion Parade - courtesy of Australian Cotton Foundation.
 - Researcher of the Year Awards.
 - Guest Speaker - The Hon. John Kerin M.P.
 Minister for Primary Industries and Energy

Thursday August 9th 1990

- 7am - Registration desk re-opens
- 8:15am - Environmental and Community Issues
 - Chairman - Ian Hunt (Chairman Namoi Cotton Co-operative Ltd.)
- 8:15am - Peter Cone (NSW Agriculture & Fisheries, Gunnedah)
 - Regulations and the farmer.
- 8:25am - Dr. Richard Whyte (State Pollution Control Commission, Bathurst)
 - Protecting our waterways.
- 8:35am - Nick Woods (The Centre for Pesticide Application and Safety, Gatton College, Qld.)
 - Drift and buffers.
- 8:45am - Jim Watt (AVCA, Sydney)
 - Co-operation.
- 8:55am - 9:05am - QUESTION TIME

- 9:05am - Ms Louise Sylvan (Australian Consumers Association, Sydney)
- Consumer Concerns
- 9:20am - Dr. Helen Caldicott (Byron Bay)
- The Environmental and Community Concerns
- 9:35am - Mrs Myrna Harris (Rowena)
- A Cotton family's view.
- 9:45am - Dr Lyn Clarke (Area Medical Superintendent, Moree)
- A community health view
- 10am - Dr Peter Twine (Qld. Department of Primary Industries, Brisbane)
- Alternatives and consequences
- 10:15am-10:30am- QUESTION TIME
- 10:30am-11:10am- Morning tea
- 11:10am - Industry Issues
- Chairman - Ralph Schulze (ACF/ACGRA)
- 11:10am - Brent Demnar (Robins MBS (QLD) Pty. Ltd., Brisbane)
Steven Green (Minet Agricultural Insurance Brokers Pty. Ltd., Sydney)
- Industry hail scheme.
- 11:30am - Ms Maree McCaskill (Australian Cotton Foundation, Sydney)
- New objectives of restructured ACF.
- Public relations and promoting cotton.
- 11:45am - Richard Williams (ACGRA)
- The new R & D corporation for cotton.
- 12 noon - David Dowling (Editor, Cotton Grower Magazine, Toowoomba)
- Industry directions?
- 12:10pm - Kees Verbeek (Washington, USA)
- Comments from International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)
- 12:15pm to 12:45pm - URGENT ISSUES AND QUESTION TIME
- 12:45 - 2:15pm - BBQ - Pavilion Lawn.

- 2:15pm - Entomology
- Chairman - Richard Williams (AOGRA)
- (Chairman of Conference Organising Committee)
- 2:15pm - Dr Joanne Daly (CSIRO Division of Entomology, Canberra)
- Ecological genetics of heliothis.
- 2:25pm - Dr Gary Fitt (CSIRO Cotton Research Unit, Myall Vale)
- Ecology of heliothis, checking methods.
- 2:40pm - Dave Murray (QLD Department of Primary Industries, Toowoomba)
- Heliothis dynamics on Darling Downs.
- 2:55pm - Ian Titmarsh (QLD Department of Primary Industries, Toowoomba)
- Pests in rainfed cotton.
- 3:05pm - Neil Forrester (NSW Agriculture & Fisheries, Myall Vale)
- Resistance management.
- 3:20pm - Lewis Wilson (CSIRO Cotton Research Unit, Myall Vale)
- MITES
- 3:35pm - 4pm - QUESTION TIME
- 4pm - 4:15pm - Conference closure
- 4:15pm - Afternoon tea

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