

Field to Fabric Training Course 2008
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Summary

Since the inaugural Field to Fabric course in August 2005 the course has been presented 3 times in 2006 and twice in 2007. Feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive and despite the drought two further courses were presented in July and November 2008 to a total of 33 participants. In total 185 participants from various sectors of the cotton production pipeline have attended the course.

The course, which is a formal three 3 day course, is presented in Geelong at CSME. It gives participants an opportunity to interact with leading researchers on all aspects of the cotton production pipeline including global perspective, fibre properties, agronomy, picking, ginning, classing, marketing, yarn formation, fabric formation and dyeing and finishing. A strong emphasis is placed on the impacts of fibre quality on textile processing. Information is presented by way of lectures and practical demonstrations using the modern commercial cotton spinning and processing equipment available at CTFT.

The course is constantly updated with all practical suggestions considered, to ensure that the course stays relevant and current.

All participants are issued with a course pack which incorporates:

- Course notes with copies of the PowerPoint slides used by the presenters and comprehensive course notes
- CDROM with above information
- Supplementary information.
- Samples.

A number of video clips are used for demonstration purposes.

All the participants are presented with a certificate of attendance. An additional benefit of the course is that it has been aligned with several competencies from the national training package for vocational training and education. This allows participants to experience a short course and at the same time, gain a formal qualification.

Impact in Adoption category by the Cotton CRC proves that this course continues to be valued by the industry.

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The course provided a rare opportunity to have an in depth look at mill processes
A course which impresses and realise the value for money
Build more knowledge ad basis biz
Essential information/knowledge to be gained in to cotton industry. Integrates all stages from field to fabric providing a complete idea of the cotton supply chain. Excellent
Excellent gives overall perspective of business
Full of Practical information
The ability to inspect ALL aspects of the cotton textile industry, processes quality issues @ the CSIRO facility is absolutely 2nd to none. 2. I thought the balance, content was excellent.
1. Good bases of the value adding process. 2. Puts into context the pathway for cotton from field to fabric. 3. puts into perspective the need for high quality cotton to compete in the fabric
Course delivered a good understanding of cotton processing pathway and also highlighted the complexity of the spinning process. Including how fibre quality impacts on this.
The course was good in the fact that it brought home to me that we are in the textile industry and we are all about producing good fabric and all the implications of that.
As a pilot - great base to establish a worthwhile course for all participants in the cotton Industry. Well done
Good learning on the processes after ginning and the incredible technology that is involved in preparing, cleaning spinning weaving and dying the cotton. Really good course.
Very good for learning about all those processing questions we often know nothing about.
A useful amount of knowledge to create links throughout the industry
A good overall description about the may faults of cotton production.
"fills in the gaps"
A course that provides and excellent introduction and overview of the supply chain of the cotton industry
Very good, it's great to learn more about what happens to the cotton after it leaves the farms, and what spinners/weavers want in their cotton.
Well, we learnt why quality is so important by examining its impact on the manufacturing of yarn and fabric.
Provides a basic yet interesting look at the spinning, fabric making and dyeing industry.
Very useful in gaining a general understanding of the cotton industry and the challenges we take for the future
Excellent course to show the importance of how we handle our product
Well worth doing for everyone in the supply chain from growers on, to see what our customers need.
Excellent course to learn about the process cotton goes through field – fabric. Provided a much better appreciation/understanding of cotton processes and how field operations and decision making can affect the final product.
Good snapshot of industry and implications
Gained excellent knowledge on post gin processes and the impacts that field management can have on those processes