



TACC NEWSLETTER

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TACC PARTNERS WITH CAPITAL FARM CREDIT TO HOST THE LONGHORNS VS RED RAIDERS SEPTEMBER 24 TAILGATE IN LUBBOCK

Oh, yes football season is back! TACC is happy to announce that Capital Farm Credit, who hosts tailgates at all Texas Tech HOME football games, has invited the Council and its family of members, directors, and management personnel to help host a tailgate party at the Saturday, September 24th home football game at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock between the Texas Longhorns and Texas Tech Red Raiders. Exact game time will be set about a week out depending on television schedules.

The tailgate will begin a couple of hours before the scheduled kickoff between the two Big 12 powerhouses. The tailgate will consist of a chance to tell a few lies, good cheer, enjoy a few refreshments, a chance to relive old friendships, and fellowship with a few like - minded people. It will be held in Lot C1, Space 1049.

If you are a borrower or family member of Capital Farm Credit or a member, director, or family member of a cooperative agribusiness firm, come by the tailgate for a few minutes, shake a few hands with fellow industry leaders, say "hello", grab a plate, & enjoy the game. TACC & Capital Farm Credit leadership will be there to greet you!

CO-OP OFFICE MANAGERS AND BOOKKEEPERS TO MEET

The Texas Chapter of the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives is once again offering a seminar for a variety of cooperative personnel---accountants, bookkeepers, office managers, and controllers. It will be held at Farmers Cooperative Compress in Lubbock on Friday, September 30, 2022. Meeting, registration, and hotel information can be found on our website at <http://www.texas.coop>.

FINAL BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR

SEPTEMBER 7-8

With TACC's 2021-2022 fiscal year rapidly coming to an end on September 30, the Council's Fall Board Meeting will serve as the final chance for all directors to come together, brainstorm and give direction for the coming year.

TACC's Fall Board Meeting will be held at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center (806-776-7000) in Lubbock, Texas September 7-8, 2022. If you need a hotel reservation, contact Christy Lewis at christy@texas.coop.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. TACC Executive Committee Meeting
 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. TACC Division Meetings
 3:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. TACC Committee Meetings
 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Reception

Thursday, September 8, 2022

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Full TACC Board of Directors Meeting

Important topics include:

- Approving the 2022-2023 Budget;
- Conduct initial planning of several co-op conferences;
- Review Council operations and establish the program agenda for the new year;
- Hear from agency personnel and West Texas leaders and legislators; and
- R) State Representative – elect Carl Tepper of Lubbock will speak to the full board meeting at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, September 8

2023 TACC AWARDS

NOMINATIONS DUE SOON

It is now time to submit award applications for the **Cooperative Ginner of the Year Award** and the **Cooperator of the Year Award** for presentation at the 2023 Joint Cooperative Meeting to be held at La Cantera Resort in San Antonio. Please find the applications attached to this email newsletter and fill out for candidates you deem as an outstanding nominee for these awards and send them to TACC. The final date applications will be accepted is **September 1, 2022**. Please contact TACC (512-450-0555) if you have further questions or concerns about the applications process.

SCIP'ING INTO 2023

TACC's 2022 summer internship program concluded recently and was a resounding success, once again! We placed four talented interns across the state, hosted them at our Cooperative Managers' Conference in Ruidoso, and then brought them to Austin to show them what ag advocacy is all about.

With universities starting back, it's time for TACC to conduct its annual college visits again and continue recruiting the best and brightest students to the co-op family! Tours will commence October 5 with a trip to Angelo State University, followed by visit to Texas A&M University on October 26 and 28. TACC will also be visiting Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University -- Kingsville and Tarleton State University.

The Summer Co-op Internship Program (SCIP) continues to develop and grow to reach more students in spreading the message of cooperatives. However, none of this would be possible without the participation of co-ops to host and cultivate these young people into adept potential co-op employees! If your organization has an interest in hosting an intern during Summer 2023, let our office know. We look forward to including more potential locations and diverse opportunities for these students!

TACC'S SOUTH TEXAS COOPERATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BREAKS TRADITION

TACC has taken a completely different approach to planning the agenda for **TACC's South Texas Cooperative Leadership Conference to be held November 9-10 at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas**. The planning committee helped facilitate a survey in which TACC reached out to managers and directors to get their input on topics and speakers. Topics that emerged from the survey included keys to a co-op's success, strategic mergers, economic outlook, and addressing labor shortages.

The meeting will kick off with the traditional shrimp boil the night before, but everything else will be **NEW!** This is a conference you won't want to miss! The preliminary agenda includes a study conducted about the changing co-op landscape that will provide a glimpse into the future of co-ops, a novel approach to finding and retaining a quality workforce, a co-op legal expert and more!

Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

RECAP OF TACC'S COOPERATIVE MANAGERS CONFERENCE

TACC held another successful Managers' Conference at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, New Mexico, July 13-15. Nearly 65 co-op, university, and industry members were represented, and including family; about 125 people attended. A panel of co-op summer interns and 15 speakers spoke during the conference. The Managers' Conference was made possible by 31 sponsors.

Distinguished speakers included: Texas State Senator, **Drew Springer**; **Ben Cheng**, Texas LTC Instructor, El Paso License to Carry, **Douglas Edwards**, Assistant Vice President, Calcot; **Dr. Ed Barnes**, Senior Director, Ag & Environmental Research, Cotton, Inc., **Kelley Green**, CEO, Texas Cotton Ginners Association, **Dr. Greg Holt**, USDA-ARS Gin Lab, **Dr. Derek Whitelock**, Supervisory Agricultural Engineer, USDA - ARS Gin Lab; **Randy Daniels**, Vice President, Program Development & Services; **Bill Curnow**, Plains Cotton Cooperative Association; **Gary McLaren**, Attorney, McLaren Law Firm; **Tas Smith**, Vice President of Producer Affairs, National Cotton Council; **Greg Taylor**, CPA, D. Williams and Company; **Shawn Fonville**, Dean, Career & Technical Education, Western Texas College; **Dr. Darren Hudson**, Professor & Larry Combest Chair, Texas Tech University; and **Dr. Donna McCallister** also from Texas Tech.

The robust program covered legislative issues impacting ag, legal use of force and active shooter situations, surviving and preventing a ransomware attack, the future of gin automation, industry updates, innovative university programs in ag, and carbon markets and sustainability. We encourage you to check out TACC's website: <https://texas.coop/resources/> for summaries of key take-aways from the meeting!

FROM
OUR

facebook

Quick Facts



We averaged over **2,400 views** a week on our Facebook posts in the last month, with one week receiving nearly 4,500 and another nearly 3,000!



Our most interacted posts center around **TACC's interns**.



In the past month, we have received **1,046 likes** on our daily facebook posts

Most Interaction-Single Post

Sharing a post of TACC's 2022 summer interns visiting the Texas Department of Agriculture garnered the most attention on our Facebook, reaching nearly **2,700 people**. Below is the text of the post:

Today our TACC Interns wrapped up their 2022 Austin visit. They visited the Texas Department of Agriculture and the State Capitol building. At the conclusion of the day, they learned about the state policy process and advocacy work, followed by a group panel covering the summer!

(Left to Right: Joseph Hanson, Juan Gonzalez, Bo Thompson, M'Lane Cunningham, and Conner Neumann)"

TDA Farm Fresh Initiative... Help us Create a Farm Fresh Generation

The **Texas Department of Agriculture** is on a mission to ensure Texas is Homegrown & Healthy by creating a generation of students who have access to food produced right here in the Lone Star State. **The Farm Fresh Network** connects Texas food producers with local school lunch professionals who need to source food for their school's cafeteria. By connecting our Texas schools with local farmers, ranchers, and producers, TDA is establishing a state-wide grid that connects communities in need of each other's support.

When Texans support Texans we all win! [Join the Farm Fresh Network now!](#)





OUT & ABOUT
WITH TACC
(Since July 8, 2022)

- Hosted the 2022 TACC Co-op Manager's Conference on July 13-15 in Ruidoso, NM, which garnered nearly 100 attendees!
- Attended the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association Gin Workshop in Granbury, July 17-19.
- Attended the 2022 Cotton Board Caucus meeting and Texas Cotton Producers Board Meeting in Austin on July 20.
- Hosted the four TACC Summer Co-op Interns to Austin on August 2-3 for a legislative-focused retreat.
- Aided co-ops on overweight truck permits, personnel hirings for five co-ops, and labor issues.
- Posted daily Facebook and weekly LinkedIn stories of interest.
- Prepared the 2022 – 2023 TACC budget for approval at the Fall board meeting.
- Participated in Texas Ag Council meeting of all ag commodity groups on August 5.
- Prepared for our final board meeting of the year, September 7-8 in Lubbock.
- Completed the hosting of Texas A&M Ag Economics graduate student **Conner Neumann** as TACCs summer intern on August 10.
- Spent considerable time negotiating TACCs future office location.
- Hosted Triangle Insurance CEO **Mandy Cross** to TACCs offices on August 9.
- Solicited bids from Texas hotel properties to host the TACC 2024 Joint Cooperative Meeting.
- Hosted former 16-year employee **Gloria Johnson** to TACCs office on August 15. She now works for the University of Missouri in Columbia.

What will we be up to...

- Holding a board meeting September 7-8 in Lubbock.
- Teaching the co-op business model to classes and recruiting for TACC's 2023 internship program starting October 5.
- Holding the 2022 South Texas Cooperative Leadership Conference & shrimp boil in Corpus Christi on November 9-10.
- Continuing to finalize speakers and an agenda for the January 12-13, 2023 Farm Store Summit to be held in Fredericksburg.
- Participating in a November 17-18 Texas Tribune (Austin political publication) Rural Symposium at Texas Tech University
- Preparing and distributing a TACC-PAC Special Edition Newsletter in mid-October showcasing the candidates in the November 8 General Election.

CALENDAR

September

- 1 - TACC Award Applications Due**
- 5 - Labor Day Holiday**
- 7-8 - TACC Board Meeting, Lubbock**
- 20 – Plains Cotton Cooperative Association Annual Meeting, Lubbock
- 24 - Co-hosting a TACC / Capital Farm Credit Tailgate at the Texas Longhorns vs Texas Tech Football Game - Lubbock**
- 30 – Texas Chapter-National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives Meeting – Lubbock

October

- 23-25 – Texas Cattle Feeders Association Annual Meeting – Frisco

November

- 6 – Daylight Savings Ends
- 8 – General (Midterm) Election Day
- 9-10 - TACC South Texas Cooperative Leadership Conference - Corpus Christi, Texas**
- 24-25 - Thanksgiving Holidays**

December

- 1-2 – Texas Cotton Producers Board of Directors Meeting – Lubbock
- 25-26 - TACC Office Closed for Christmas Holiday**

