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MEMORANDUM

TO: Texas Ginners, Allied Industry & Industry Associates
FROM: Chris Berry, President
DATE: January 21, 2023
RE: 2023 TCGA Annual Meeting & Cotton Trade Show

Every year comes with a unique set of challenges. Unfortunately, the challenges that come with a good cotton crop were not present this year in most cases. On a positive note, we seem to be finally getting some separation from the pandemic, but we will continue to navigate some pandemic issues for years to come. Supply chain issues remain but are less severe in a short crop year. Obtaining an able-bodied workforce remains challenging as well but was less critical this year with the shorter ginning seasons.

Coming off what will likely be the one of the worst production years in Texas history, the industry will need to put the pieces back together. For our theme in 2023, we have chosen "Texas Cotton – Building Back Strong". This fits very well with what our members will attempt to do in the coming year. Much has changed in the industry over the years, but one thing that remains constant is we are going to need Mother Nature to deliver some much-needed rainfall to start the process. There are challenges with wet weather as well, but we tend to do better with the higher moisture levels.

Surely, we are headed up from here. TCGA's three person staff of Kelley Green, Aaron Nelsen and Duncan McCook are working to bring you a successful annual meeting and cotton trade show. On a positive note, trade show booth spaces are sold out and we already have a few on the waiting list. We look forward to working with our exhibitors to bring a great product to the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on March 30 & 31. The focus of this show continues to be cotton ginning and draws ginners not only from Texas, but from across the entire cotton belt. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet with fellow ginners and address some common issues.

Join your fellow ginners and allied industry in Lubbock on March 30 & 31, 2023. You can find all related information for TCGA's 115th Annual Meeting

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& Cotton Trade Show including a schedule of events, how to make hotel reservations, how to pre-register and fill out forms for all other events at www.tcga.org. All gin show related information will be posted there!

Take this opportunity to educate company directors, stockholders, and other key personnel on the role you as a ginner play in the industry. This is a time for you and your employees to generate some new ideas that will improve the efficiency of your operation. TCGA staff looks forward to delivering a positive experience for all of our members and all attendees. We are looking forward to seeing you in Lubbock!