

2017 BCI Cotton Field Trip

Location: Scotland Neck, North Carolina

Date: Friday, October 13, 2017 7:00am- 4:00pm | Cost \$75 per person | **AIRFARE & OVERNIGHT LODGING IN RALEIGH NC ARE NOT INCLUDED. ATTENDEE MUST PURCHASE FLIGHT AND BOOK HOTEL ROOM. DETAILS BELOW.**

Goal of tour: Join Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) for a chance to visit a U.S. cotton farm and gin, learn about local cotton production issues, and implementation of the Better Cotton Standard in the USA.

Agenda

Attendees are responsible for departing the Bolger Center and getting to Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) on their own. **Attendee must arrive on Thursday Oct. 12* in order to depart at 7:00am on Oct. 13** at Embassy Suites Brier Creek, near RDU airport. BCI will provide transportation from hotel, throughout the day and ending at RDU Airport. It is highly recommended to book post-tour departure flight from RDU no earlier than 6:00pm Friday evening.

- **7:00am:** Bus departs Embassy Suites Brier Creek - 8001 Arco Corporate Drive.
Check-out and bring luggage on the bus if you intend to be dropped at RDU upon return.
 - Learn about cotton growing and BCI basics en route.
- **9:00am:** Bus arrives at Scotland Neck, NC area cotton farm.
- **9:00am - 10:30am:** Tour cotton farm, see harvest underway, learn about modern production & environmental protection methods.
- **10:30am - 12:00pm:** At Edwards Gin, see cotton lint separated from seed, cleaned and baled.
- **12:00pm - 1:00pm:** Enjoy a North Carolina style barbeque, hosted by Allenberg Cotton.
- **1:30pm:** Bus departs gin.
- **3:30pm:** Bus arrives back to Raleigh-Durham International Airport, then to Embassy Suites Brier Creek.

* If you will attend Textile Exchange's Organic Cotton Round Table events on Thursday Oct. 12, we recommend you take an evening flight to RDU. There are several direct options, the latest of which are 10:00pm and 10:30pm.

This agenda is subject to change. Registered tour attendees will receive updates as they occur. Arrival and departure times will not change.

Arrival and Departure City and Dates

- **ARRIVAL:** Attendees must arrive RDU on Thursday October 12 (any time)
- **DEPARTURE:** ETA at RDU is 3:30pm. Please book departure flight accordingly and leave adequate time for international departures.

Cost: \$75 per person | BCI will provide lunch and transportation

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Neither Textile Exchange nor Tour Host are responsible for the negligence of attendees. Out of courtesy for others attending, the tour will remain on schedule as per the agenda outlined by the Tour Host. No exceptions will be made for

late pick-ups, early drop-offs or any variants to the schedule. It is the sole responsibility of the attendee to ensure his or her travel is planned in accordance with the guidelines indicated in this information sheet.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour fees are non-refundable.
- Tour fees are in addition to conference registration fees and may be paid in full with registration.
- All tours have limited capacity and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Tour reservations are confirmed only after the online conference registration form is complete (including fees paid in full).
- Sign-up is only accepted through online registration.
- Tour fees do not include travel (airfare, train, etc.) or lodging.
- All lodging reservations are the responsibility of the participant, including any necessary cancellations.
- Attendees are responsible for booking their air travel to and from the tour destination airports in accordance with the arrival and departure times indicated in the tour schedule. Out of courtesy for others attending, the tour will remain on schedule as per the agenda outlined by the host. No exceptions will be made for late pick-ups, early drop-offs or any variations to the schedule. Neither textile exchange nor the tour host will be responsible for attendee negligence, or for traffic delays beyond their control.