

US Cotton Tour

Itinerary | Sunday 28 July - Saturday 10 August 2019



Explore the power
of one of the world's
leading cotton nations

US Cotton Tour 2019

Itinerary | Sunday 28 July - Saturday 10 August

1 Sunday 28 July 2019

Arrive: St Louis, hotel check
Registration and welcome
DAY Dinner: Welcome dinner
Overnight: Hyatt at the Arch, St Louis, Missouri

2 Monday 29 July

Welcome Presentation: Rabo AgriFinance headquarters in Chesterfield, Missouri
Industry Visit: Bayer (Monsanto) Research Centre, Chesterfield Missouri
DAY Dinner: Budweiser Brewery
Overnight: Hyatt at the Arch, St Louis, Missouri

3 Tuesday 30 July

Depart: St Louis for Memphis
Farm Visits: Neighbouring farms encompassing 8,000ha row crop irrigation development. Memphis, Tennessee
DAY Overnight: Hyatt Inn & Suites at Beale Street, Memphis, Tennessee

4 Wednesday 31 July

Depart: Memphis for Marianna
Farm Visits: Farms totalling 6,600ha with mixed cotton, peanut and other rotational programs.
DAY Industry/Farm Visit: University of Arkansas, Lon Mann Cotton Research Station. Marianna, Arkansas
Processor Visit: McClendon, Mann and Felton Gin Company. Marianna, Arkansas
Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Little Rock Downtown, Little Rock, Arkansas

5 Thursday 1 August

Depart: Little Rock for Dallas
Farm Visit: 2,600ha mixed irrigated cotton, soybean and corn property. Gilliam, Louisiana
DAY Farming Area Visit: Flume irrigation scheme from bayou & tributary systems. Gilliam, Louisiana
Overnight: Sheraton Dallas DFW, Dallas, Texas

6 Friday 2 August

Fly: Dallas for Amarillo
Processor Visit: Adobe Walls Cotton Gin (largest in the US). Spearman, Texas
DAY Farm Visit: Innovative dryland cotton operation, utilising latest technologies and cover cropping to maximise moisture retention. Amarillo, Texas
Overnight: Embassy Suites, Amarillo, Texas

7 Saturday 3 August

Free Day: Amarillo
Dinner: At the ballpark – Amarillo Sod Poodles minor league baseball game.
DAY Overnight: Embassy Suites, Amarillo, Texas

8

DAY

Sunday 4 August

Leisure Tour: Palo Duro Canyon State Park
Overnight: Embassy Suites, Amarillo, Texas

9

DAY

Monday 5 August

Drive: Amarillo for Lubbock
Farm Visit: Pivot and drip irrigation operation. Lubbock, Texas
Industry Visit: Bayer (Monsanto) Research Megastore, Lubbock, Texas
Overnight: Overton Hotel, Lubbock, Texas

10

DAY

Tuesday 6 August

Fly: Lubbock for Des Moines
Industry/Technology visit: Private tour John Deere Factory. Ankeny, Iowa
Overnight: Marriott downtown, Des Moines, Iowa

11

DAY

Wednesday 7 August

Depart: Des Moines for Omaha
Farm Visit: Irrigation development from the Platte and Missouri Rivers, utilising break crops and alternative cropping.
Farm Visit: Hosted by Nuffield Scholar, innovative use of irrigated effluent from neighbouring dairy farm.
Overnight: Marriott downtown, Omaha, Nebraska

12

DAY

Thursday 8 August

Depart: Omaha for Platte Valley
Industry Visit: Private tour of Valley Irrigation factory and on farm demonstration tour. Platte Valley, Nebraska
Fly: Omaha to NYC
Overnight: New York City, New York

13

DAY

Friday 9 August

Supply Chain: Retail and traceability segments, other farm industry provenance and presentations with RaboResearch.
Farewell Dinner: New York City
Overnight: New York City, New York

14

DAY

Saturday 10 August

Tour concludes after breakfast

RABOBANK CONTACT: shayne.sice@rabobank.com

*Please note that the above itinerary may be subject to change. For example, if anything happens outside of our control. If such a change cannot be avoided, we will organise an alternative arrangement and notify you as soon as possible.

