

7th ISSCT AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION WORKSHOP

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"BURNT VS. GREEN CANE MECHANIZATION - AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING CHALLENGES"

Organized & Hosted by
**The American Sugar Cane League (ASCL) &
The American Society of Sugarcane Technologist (ASSCT)**

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ASCL organized the last ISSCT Mechanization Workshop in collaboration with the **American Society of Sugarcane Technologists**(ASSCT), Louisiana Division from **12 to 17 October 2003** in the town of Thibodaux, Louisiana, USA.

The **ASCL** is an organization composed of Louisiana's sugarcane growers and raw sugar mills. Through the payment of their dues, about 95% of the growers in Louisiana and 100% of the mills are voluntary-members of the organization. The League is very active in representing its members in political matters at both the State and National levels. Research funds from the League are shared by agronomic researchers and by processing researchers. Back in the 1920's when the Louisiana Sugar Industry was on its "deathbed", it was the introduction of new varieties that revived the industry. So that even today, the major research emphasis of the ASCL is in developing new varieties for its grower members.

The **ASSCT** is an affiliated member of the **ISSCT**. The society is interested in the general study of the sugar cane industry in the United States and the dissemination of information to members of the organization through meetings and publications. The society has two different divisions, the Florida Division and Louisiana Division. Administration duties are conducted by the elected officers for the Florida and Louisiana Divisions, and there are no full time employees of the organization. Each division, holds its own meetings, conducts its own business and elects its own set of officers. Each year there is a "Joint Meeting" of the society so that the cane growers, processors and researchers from both divisions can share their knowledge and data with each other. These proceedings give all attendees an opportunity to socialize, renew friendships and to make new ones.

Full details of the **Programme** workshop, the **Communications** presented and the **Report** of discussions are available on this site. Field tours were organized in Louisiana as well as an optional post workshop tour of the Florida industry.