

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2003	
14:00 – 21:30	Registration Rienzi Room, Howard Johnson Lodge
18:30 – 21:30	Opening Reception Rienzi Room, Howard Johnson Lodge
MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2003	
OPENING SESSION	
08:30-08:40	Welcome and Announcements
08:40-09:00	Official Opening - <i>John F Gay, Chairman American Sugar Cane League</i>
SESSION 1: BURNT VERSUS GREEN CANE HARVESTING	
09:00-09:25	Sugarcane harvesting: Implications of green versus burnt cane harvest - <i>C Richard</i>
09:25-09:50	Sugarcane harvesting systems: An overview - <i>E Meyer</i>
09:50-10:10	Present scenario and future prospects of mechanical harvesting of sugarcane in India: An approach <i>RNS Yadav</i>
10:10-10:30	The effect of mechanical harvesting on the sugar mills - <i>HS Birkett and JM Stein</i>
10:30-10:50	TEA
10:50-11:10	Comparative testing of Cameco CH 2500 and CH 3500 machines in the Tucuma sugarcane industry in Argentina - <i>J Scandaliaris, FP Zamora, E Romero, JC Cossio, G Olaiz and L Sotomayor</i>
11:10-11:30	Effect of three different basecutter pressures on cane quality, field losses and ratooning in eight sugarcane varieties - <i>M Ullivarri, S Tridente, J Gomez, A Iriarte and J Mirande</i>
11:30-11:50	Effect of chopper harvesting on cane quality delivered to the mill - <i>J Gomez, A Iriarte and G de Castillo</i>
11:50-12:10	Chopped cane transport in extremely humid conditions in Mauritius – The Mon Desert Alma Sugar Estate Case - <i>J Anthony, V Riviere and E Jacquin</i>
12:10-13:00	LUNCH
13:00-17:00	Tour of Eastern Louisiana Sugar Industry
TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2003	
08:10-08:30	Regulations on pre-harvest burning of sugarcane in the United States - <i>JM Shine, Jr and JW Dunckelman</i>
08:30-08:50	Enhancing chopper harvester front end performance: An exercise in optimizing machine-crop interaction - <i>RJ Davis and CP Norris</i>
08:50-09:10	ACF-SIMON, a wholestalk green cane harvester for use in La Reunion Island - <i>J-C Dagallier</i>
09:10-09:30	An economic assessment of green versus burnt cane harvesting on Kenana Sugar Company Estate - <i>OE Mirghani</i>
09:30-09:50	Evaluation of methods of reducing non-cane material in combine harvested deliveries to Louisiana sugar mills- <i>W Jackson, C Richard, H Waguespack, Jr & EP Richard</i>
09:50-10:10	Burnt versus green cane harvesting: Best practice machine harvesting for

	sustainable production in a developing country - <i>S Vaux, P Chapple and C Norris</i>
10:10-10:30	Field investigation into Greenstar autosteering of a Cameco 3500 tracked harvester - <i>J Larsen and A Peters</i>
10:30-10:50	TEA
10:50-11:30	Precision Farming Workshop
11:30-11:50	Soil compaction due to mechanical harvesting in wet soil - <i>J Torres and JE Pantoja</i>
11:50-12:10	Harvesting best practice manual for chopper-extractor harvesters - <i>G Sandell, J Agnew, G Stainlay, C Whiteing, R Davis, M James, C Norris, J Powell and B Robotham</i>
12:10-12:30	Towards the adoption of mechanical harvesting of green cane in - <i>D Pilot, JA Lagesse, E Jacquin and E Rousset</i>
12:30-13:30	LUNCH
13:30-14:30	Harvester Testing Protocol
14:30-15:10	Workshopping Session
15:10-15:30	TEA
15:30-16:30	Workshopping Report-back
WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2003	
08:30-16:30	Tour of Western Louisiana Sugar Industry
THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2003	
SESSION 2: CROP RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND PLANTING	
08:10-08:50	Implications of green cane harvesting on planting and crop re-establishment - <i>EP Richard, Jr</i>
08:50-09:10	Field design for green cane harvesting in Colombia - <i>J Cruz</i>
09:10-09:30	Development of an Australian sugarcane farming system based on controlled traffic, minimum tillage and legume fallows - <i>AL Garside, BG Robotham and MJ Bell</i>
09:30-09:50	Commercial implementation of three-row planting on 2.3 m wide beds in North Queensland - <i>L Robertson, T Watters and A Garside</i>
09:50-10:10	Field results of a uniformity test of five different mechanical planters used for billet planting - <i>J Larsen and A Peters</i>
10:10-10:30	Comparing whole stalk, billet and no-tillage planters under Australian conditions - <i>BG Robotham</i>
10:30-10:50	TEA
SESSION 3: RATOON MANAGEMENT AND TRASH HANDLING SYSTEMS	
10:50-11:10	Evaluation of total crop recovery versus green harvest - <i>B Eiland, R Perdomo, G Powell and G Montes</i>
11:10-11:30	Machinery advances for mulch management in the Louisiana sugarcane industry - <i>RM Johnson and EP Richard</i>
11:30-11:50	An inter-row device to repair ruts on flat planted beds and its effects on maintaining surface run-off and ratoon yield - <i>NW Friday, AD Dey, HB Davis and</i>

	<i>A Paul</i>
11:50-12:10	Best practices for plant cane harvesters - <i>J Larsen and A Peters</i>
12:10-12:30	Trash and irrigation in green cane mechanization - <i>D Bosquet and JP Forget</i>
12:30-13:30	LUNCH
13:30-13:50	Management of heavy cane - <i>JS Torres, F Villegas and JH Cock</i>
13:50-14:10	Fertilization and vertical tillage in trash blanket management in Tucuman, Argentina - <i>J Scandaliaris, FP Zamora, J Melian, E Romero, R Figueroa and H Martinez</i>
14:10-15:10	Workshopping Session
15:10-15:30	TEA
15:30-16:30	Workshopping Report-back

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2003

SESSION 4: MACHINE COSTING METHODS AND BENCHMARKING STANDARDS

08:30-08:50	Agricultural machinery management in a hyper-inflationary environment - <i>E Eston</i>
08:50-09:10	Using small-scale contractors on large sugar estates - <i>D Weekes</i>
09:10-09:30	Discounted cash flow as a method of costing operations - <i>TJ Murray</i>
09:30-10:30	Machinery costing method and standards - <i>E Meyer</i>
10:30-10:50	TEA
10:50-11:10	Benchmarking methods - <i>PW Lyne and E Meyer</i>
11:10-12:30	ISSCT Section Meeting
12:30-13:30	LUNCH

SCHEDULE OF TOURS

MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2003

13:00	Depart for Tour of Eastern Louisiana Sugar Industry
13:15-14:45	Daniel Naquin Farm - Commercial Harvest 2-Row Combine Green-Cut / Pre-Burn Harvest Westfield / Lula Loading System - Daniel Mattingly
15:00-16:30	USDA Ardyone Farm Precision Fertilizer Applicator - Rich Johnson Weigh-Wagon / Billet Sampler Sample Lab - Computerization New Variety Selection
16:45-18:15	Cameco Farm Land Preparations Setting Up Combine Harvester to Cut Seedcane (Dr. Jeff Hoy) Mechanical Planting
18:15-20:00	Cameco Camp Dinner Meal (Chicken and sausage jambalaya)

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08:00	Depart for Tour of Western Louisiana Sugar Industry
09:15-10:15	Frank Martin Farm - Mike Robichaux and Robert "Bobby" Judice Front End Modifications - Row-Sweeps Automatic Bottom-Blade Controls (Cameco)
10:30-12:00	Northside Planting No-till - Jackie Judice

	Mulch and Time Study - Dr. Howard "Sonny" Viator Residue Management (Incorporation/Removal) - Dr. R. Johnson Flail Mower, Lawson, Suoco, Gravios
12:00	Noon Meal (A Flavor of Local Cuisine shrimp and crab etouffee)
13:30-17:30	M.A. Patout Enterprise Sugar Factory - Craig Caillier (few welcoming remarks) Divide into 3 or 4 groups for tours Core Lab - Dr. Birkett Diffuser - Dr. Rein Leaf-blower and Wash-drum - Dr. Charley Richard Rear Truck-dump - Tommy Duhe
17:30	Dinner Meal (Landry's Seafood) Assuming that the factory is operating normally, Trevor Endres, plant Manager and other members of his staff will be available for questions
19:00	Depart for Thibodaux and Hotel (arrive about 20:30)
SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2003	
08:00	Leave Thibodaux, LA by Hotard Coaches
09:00-16:00	Arrive New Orleans Tour City of New Orleans and walking tour of French Quarter Leave designated area in New Orleans New Orleans Airport Hilton to check-in and freshen up
16:15	Leave Hilton to go back to the French Quarter for dinner on your own.
18:30-22:30	French Quarter for dinner on your own Leave French Quarter for Hilton
SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2003	
09:00	Take shuttle from Hilton to airport (across the street)
11:25	Leave New Orleans Airport via Southwest Airlines flight 2372
15:10	Arrive West Palm Beach, Florida
15:35	Leave West Palm Beach Airport for Clewiston Inn by bus.
17:15	Arrive and check-in at Clewiston Inn in Clewiston, FL The participants will attend a Sunday evening reception
MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2003	
08:30	Following a breakfast sponsored by the Florida Sugar Cane League at the Clewiston Inn, the group will view field operations in Florida including hand and mechanical planting, cultivation, harvest and hauling. There will be equipment and equipment experts to speak to at various stops along the way.
12:00	The FSCL will sponsor a luncheon during the tour.
18:00	Return to the Clewiston Inn Dinner will be on your own
Tuesday - October 21, 2003 West Palm Beach, FL	
TBA	The bus will provide transportation back to the West Palm Beach Airport. Depart Florida Return Home