



**Rio Farms, Inc.
Sugarcane Seminar/Field Day 2017**

In Cooperation with

Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers Inc., USDA-ARS, LSU AgCenter, University of Florida, Florida Sugar Cane League, American Sugar Cane League, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and UTRGV

Date: Thursday April 27, 2017

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Place: Rio Farms, Inc. Monte Alto

Program Chairman

Andy Scott, Director of Research, RFI

Welcome

Matt Klostermann, General Manager, RFI

Status of the Texas Sugarcane
Variety Improvement Program
USDA-ARS Canal Point Perspective

Dr. Duli Zhao, Research Agronomist
Dr. Jack Comstock, Research Leader (Retired)
USDA-ARS Canal Point

Status of the Texas Sugarcane
Variety Improvement Program
USDA-ARS Houma Perspective

Dr. Mike Grisham, Research Leader
USDA-ARS Houma

Breeding Sugarcane for Improved
Stubbling Ability

Dr. Kenneth Gravois, Sugarcane Specialist
LSU Ag Center

Distribution of Newly Developed
Varieties to the Louisiana
Sugarcane Industry

Edwis Dufrene, Agronomist
USDA-ARS, Houma
Atticus Finger, Agronomist
Herman Waguespack, Senior Agronomist,
American Sugar Cane League





Distribution of Newly Developed Varieties to the Florida Sugarcane Industry

Wayne Davidson, Agronomist
Florida Sugarcane League

Tour of Research Fields
Highlighting New Varieties

Juan Garza, Research Farm Manager, RFI
Eddie Hernandez, Research Associate, RFI

Evaluation of New Herbicide Technologies for Sugarcane In Texas

Dr. Al Orgeron, Area Pest Management Specialist, LSU-Ag Center
Dr. Doug Spaunhorst, Research Agronomist
USDA-ARS Houma

The Application of NRI Technology for use in Sugar mills

Dr. Anna Hale, USDA-ARS Houma
Research Geneticist

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FSA Financial and Technical Assistance Opportunities

Carlos Lago-Silva, Director of Rural Programs, UTRGV

RGVSG, Inc. Report

Sean Brashear, President
Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, Inc.

TDA CEU's Units

Brad Cowan, Hidalgo County Agent
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

