

USA STUDY TOUR REPORT

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FROM: July 22nd to August 14th, 1995.

TO: United States of America

PURPOSE and OBJECTIVE OF TRAVEL

The purpose of the tour was to study and experience through participation the development and extension methodologies and practices used in the transfer and adoption of new technology in the American cotton industry by extension personnel, consultants and growers by the cooperative extension systems of the Universities and the USDA.

The objective was to seek, learn and experience methodologies and practices which have potential application to enhance the technology transfer and adoption programs of the Qld. Department of Primary Industries and the Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Cotton production of which DPI is a core partner. Simultaneously, cotton crop management practices, particularly those related to reduced tillage and integrated pest management, were investigated.

INTRODUCTION

This study tour was completed by Rob Eveleigh, then District Agronomist of NSW Agriculture and funded by the Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Cotton Production and myself funded by the Cotton Research and Development Corporation. We were accompanied by Gary Coulton, Company Agronomist of Colly Farms at Moree.

TRAVEL ITINERARY

Saturday	22/7/95	Brisbane 1.55pm to Sydney 3.20pm depart Sydney 5.30pm arrive Los Angeles 2.00pm	Qantas QF531 Qantas QF107 Hertz Hire Car
Sunday	23/7/95	Los Angeles to San Francisco	
Sunday		The Handlery, 351 Geurie St, Union Square	
Monday	24/7/95	San Francisco to Merced Dr Bill Weir, Farm Adviser, Cooperative Extension Service, University of California.	
Tuesday	25/7/95	Merced Dr Bill Weir	
Wednesday	26/7/95	Hanford and Tulare Field Day, Bruce Roberts, Farm Advisor. UC. PM Peter Goodell IPM Extension Coordinator, UC	
Thursday	27/7/95	Merced UC Westside Research Station. Cotton field day with Dr Bill Weir	
Friday	28/7/95	Merced to Corcoran Stephan Hengleler, JG Boswell Company	
Saturday	29/7/95	Corcoran to Redlands Redlands to Goodyear Ronald Rayner, Tumbling T Ranches	