



## **Playa Field Day**

Thursday, May 16, 2024

990 FM 786, Lockney, TX 79241    9:30am – 2:00pm (Central)

- 9:00am    Doors Open with Registration and light refreshments
- 9:30am    **Welcome & Overview**  
Darryl Birkenfeld, Director, Ogallala Commons, and playa landowner
- 9:40am    **Playa Ecosystems and TX Playa Conservation Initiative**  
Heather Johnson, Migratory Game Bird Specialist: Region I, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Lubbock, TX
- 10:10am    **Taking Steps to Regenerate Cotton Ecosystems**  
Chad Wall, founder, Natural Ecosystem Restoration, Ropesville, TX
- 10:40am    Break
- 11:00am    **A Grower's Perspective: Cotton Inc., SARA, and Playa Conservation**  
Lacy Cotter Vardeman, Cotter Key Farms, Slaton, TX
- 11:30am    Catered Sandwich Lunch by Sweet Treat by Ann-Marie (Amarillo, TX)
- 12:10pm    **Closing Remarks** by Jim Steiert  
Outdoor Writer and playa enthusiast, Hereford, TX
- 12:30pm    **Field Tour** to restored playa site
- 2:00pm    Adjourn