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Global Sorghum conference

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Press Release

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Texas Tech University named host for third Global Sorghum Conference

Montpellier, FRANCE – The Global Sorghum Association (GSA) is pleased to announce that [Texas Tech University](#) will host the third Global Sorghum Conference. The conference is scheduled to take place September 14-18, 2026.

Texas Tech, located in Lubbock, Texas, is a comprehensive public research university with the Carnegie Classification of Very High Research Activity. The university's diverse research focuses on themes of rural resiliency, climate change, food security and [One Health](#).

As the only Texas flagship research university located in the western half of the state, Texas Tech plays a critical role in higher education accessibility, research and innovation.

"We are extremely excited that Texas Tech has been selected as the host for the next Global Sorghum Conference," said Joseph A. Heppert, vice president for research and innovation at Texas Tech University. "This event will provide an outstanding opportunity for our university to showcase the incredible contributions our faculty are making to advances in agricultural science and put Lubbock's famous hospitality on display for the global scientific community."

The conference will build on the successes of the 2023 "Sorghum in the 21st Century" Global Sorghum Conference in Montpellier, France. In 2026, the conference will aim to foster interaction between academia, government and national programs, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. As host, Texas Tech plans to catalyze new research and collaboration on high-priority topics and strengthen the relationship between producers and researchers through local farm tours.

The university also intends to use the next conference as an integral platform for cooperating with the GSA to promote the international importance of sorghum.

"The GSA is very excited about having the next sorghum congress in Texas, which is surely an important cradle of sorghum breeding, and we are looking forward to interacting with the Texas Tech University team in the congress organization," said Dr. Jurandir Magalhaes, GSA chair.

Texas is the second-largest producer of sorghum in the U.S., harvesting 3.15 million acres annually. Texas Tech is a Hispanic Serving Institution with a student enrollment of more than 40,000. To learn more about the university, please visit www.ttu.edu.