

## **PCG's Verett, Wade Among Speakers at Risk Management Meeting January 12 in Lubbock**

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"Seeking Solutions: Managing Economic Risks" will be offered on January 12 by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – North Region at Cagle's Steaks & BBQ, 8732 4th St. in Lubbock.

"The program is focusing on risk management areas that affect producer decisions and profitability," said Danny Nusser, AgriLife Extension North Region program leader in Amarillo. "Our afternoon concurrent sessions will look at diversity and specific crop risks and markets."

The preregistration fee is \$25, due by January 7, and can be handled online at <http://www.mkt.com/crosby-ag-committee>. Make checks payable to the Crosby AgriLife Ag Committee and mail to 201 W. Aspen St., Suite 11, Crosbyton, TX 79322. Registration at the door will be \$40.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units – one general, one integrated pest management – will be offered.

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and conclude by 5 p.m. Topics and speakers will be:

Market Updates on All Crops, Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension economist, College Station.

Labor Laws/H2A and Management, Shawn Twing, Amarillo attorney.

Risks and Rewards of New Technologies in Weed Management, Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed specialist, Lubbock.

Ag Laws and Regulations Affecting Texas Landowners, Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo.

Following lunch, the program will shift into a concurrent-sessions format, with the following topics and speakers:

Corn/Sorghum, AgriLife Extension county agents Mark Brown, Lubbock, and Wes Utley, Hockley.

Budgeting and Risk Management Discussion – Jeff Pate and Will Keeling, both AgriLife Extension risk management specialists, Lubbock.

Corn Production Practices, Marcus Sullivan, CHS and West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute board member.

Sorghum Production Tips, Dr. Brent Bean, Sorghum Checkoff agronomist, Amarillo.

Sugarcane Aphid Lessons, Dr. Pat Porter, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Lubbock.

Cotton Production, AgriLife Extension county agents Cristen Brooks, Floyd, and Caitlin Jackson, Crosby.

Cotton Budgeting and Risk Management Discussion, Robinson and Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist, Lubbock.

Cottonseed as a Minor Oilseed, Steve Verett and Shawn Wade, both with Plains Cotton Growers, Lubbock.

Cotton Production Focusing on Pre-plant Decisions That Affect Maturity and Quality, Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension state cotton specialist, College Station.

Wheat/Beef Production, AgriLife Extension county agents Dale Dunlap, Wheeler, and Jason Miller, Hale.

Stocker Cattle Production on Wheat, Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef specialist, Amarillo.

Wheat Varieties and Management as a Dual Purpose Crop, Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension state small grains specialist, College Station.

Economic Advantage of Wheat and Cattle, Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist, Vernon.

For more information, contact Nusser at 806-677-5600 or [dnusser@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dnusser@ag.tamu.edu).

## **Upcoming Area Ag Conferences**

**January 15** – West Plains Ag Conference, 7:30 a.m., Sundown Room on South Plains College Campus, Levelland. \$35 registration fee, lunch included. RSVP requested. Contact Wes Utley, County Extension Agent-AG, 806-894-3159.

**January 19** – Southern Mesa Ag Conference, Forrest Park Community Center, Lamesa. Tentative 6 CEUs. Contact Gary Roschetzky, CEA-AG, 806-872-3444.

**January 20** – South Plains Ag Conference & Trade Show, 7:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m., American Legion Hall, Brownfield. \$15 registration fee with lunch included. 5 CEUs. Contact Zach Bradshaw, CEA-AG, 806-637-4060.

**January 22** – Caprock Crop Production Conference, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Floyd County Friends Unity Center, Muncy. Tentative 8 CEUs; Approved 11 CCAs. \$35 registration fee, \$45 at the door. Contact Caitlin Jackson, Crosby CEA-AG, 806-675-2347 or Cristen Brooks, Floyd CEA-AG, 806-983-4912.

**January 29** – Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Bailey County Electric Cooperative, Muleshoe. 4 CEUs. Contact Curtis Preston, CEA-AG, 806-272-4583.

**February 9** – Hale/Swisher County Crops Conference, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Ollie Liner Center, Plainview. 5 CEUs. Contact Jason Miller, Hale CEA-AG, at 806-291-5267 or John Villalba, Swisher CEA-AG, at 806-995-3721.

If you have a conference to add to this list, or if we have incorrect information, please email [maryjane@plainscotton.org](mailto:maryjane@plainscotton.org) or call (806) 792-4904.

## **TAWC Water College Set For January 20**

The Texas Alliance for Water Conservation will host their Water College on Wednesday, January 20, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture in Lubbock. There is no cost to attend, and lunch is provided along with CEU credit.

Keynote speakers are Sid Miller, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture; and Bech Bruun, Chairman, Texas Water Development Board.

For more information, a list of sponsors, and a detailed agenda, visit <http://www.tawcwatercollege.com>.