

Area Production Estimates Continue to Climb

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If the latest estimates from the National Agricultural Statistics Services hold true, Texas High Plains cotton growers will produce more than 5 million bales of upland cotton for the 2016 crop.

The January estimate of 5,045,000 is up 375,000 bales from their December report. Of those 5 million-plus bales, 1,415,000 will come from the Northern High Plains - up 105,000 from December - and 3,630,000 from the Southern High Plains, up 270,000.

Yield per acre for the Northern High Plains is 924 pounds, up from 844 in December, and 666 for the Southern High Plains, up from 604. Harvested acres dropped slightly to 735,000 in the NHP and 2,618,000 in the SHP, causing the abandonment rate to rise slightly from 8.3 percent to 8.9 percent.

Statewide, the production number increased from 7.4 million bales in December to 7.8 million bales in January. The nationwide estimate for upland cotton also increased to 16.4 million bales, up from an estimated 16 million in the December report.

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Enlist Duo® Herbicide Registered by U.S. EPA for Use on Enlist™ Cotton

Friday, January 13, 2017 Information from Dow AgroSciences

Enlist Duo® herbicide has received federal registration for use on Enlist™ cotton, which will allow growers to use an additional mode of action postemergence. For 2017, the Enlist cotton trait will be available exclusively in PhytoGen® cottonseed.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has expanded the use of Enlist Duo herbicide to include Enlist cotton after previously registering this technology for use on Enlist corn and Enlist soybeans in 15 states. In addition, the EPA broadened the geography for application of Enlist Duo to 34 states. This covers a vast majority of the cotton, corn and soybean acres in the United States.

For cotton growers who are facing tough-to-control weeds, once state registrations are received, this registration means they'll have access to the full benefits of the Enlist™ weed control system starting in the 2017 season, including postemergence applications of Enlist Duo herbicide — a combination of glyphosate and new 2,4-D choline — as well as glufosinate.

In addition to controlling weeds, Enlist Duo stays on target. Enlist Duo® herbicide features Colex-D® technology, which provides four key benefits:

--Minimized potential for physical drift: Compared with a tank mix of traditional 2,4-D and glyphosate, Enlist Duo herbicide with Colex-D technology reduces physical drift by up to 90 percent when applied with a low-drift nozzle.

--Near-zero volatility: With new 2,4-D choline, volatility is reduced by 96 percent compared with 2,4-D ester.

--Low odor

--Improved handling characteristics

Once all necessary state registrations are received, growers in the following states will have access to this groundbreaking technology on cotton, soybeans and corn that contain the Enlist trait: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The Enlist™ cotton trait will be available this spring in a number of high-yielding PhytoGen® brand varieties. This technology is stacked with Genuity® Roundup Ready® Flex and WideStrike® 3 Insect Protection to give growers season-long control of above-ground insects with industry-leading 3-gene protection. For more information, visit <http://www.enlist.com>.

Upcoming Area Meetings and Ag Conferences

January 17 – Ag Conference, American Legion Hall, 1021 S 8th St., **Brownfield**. Registration at 7:45 a.m. 5 CEUs offered. Contact Zach Bradshaw, County Extension Agent-AG, for more information at 806-637-4060.

January 18 – Caprock Crop Production Conference, Floyd County Friends Unity Center at **Muncy**. Registration at 7 a.m., program from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 8 CEUs from TDA and 10 CCA are pending approval. Contact Caitlin Jackson, County Extension Agent-AG, 806-675-2347 or Cristen Brooks, County Extension Agent-AG at 806-983-4912 for more information.

January 18 – Texas Alliance for Water Conservation will Water College, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., **Lubbock** Memorial Civic Center. No cost to attend; lunch provided, CEUs offered. More information: <http://www.tawcwatercollege.com>

January 30 – Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Bailey County Electric Cooperative, 610 E. American Blvd., **Muleshoe**. Registration is \$20 and begins at 8:30 a.m., program from 9 a.m.-noon. 3 CEUs offered. Contact Curtis Preston, CEA-AG, at 806-272-4583 for more information.

February 5-7 – Southwest Ag Issues Summit, Worthington Hotel, **Fort Worth**. Registration deadline January 23; register and get more information at <http://www.agissuesummit.com>.

February 7 – Hale/Swisher Crops Conference – Ollie Liner Center, **Plainview**. CEUs offered. Contact Jason Miller, Hale County Extension Agent-AG, for more information at 806-291-5267.

February 15 – High Plains Irrigation Conference, North Exhibit Hall, **Amarillo** Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. Registration 8 a.m., program 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cost \$30, lunch included. CEUs offered. More information: http://taia.org/HPIC_2017.html.