

2019 PCG Seed Cost Calculator Now Available

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The 2019 version of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Seed Cost Calculator is ready and available for download from the PCG website at <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

The PCG seed cost calculator is an interactive Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that allows producers to calculate an estimated cost per acre, for both seed and technology, based on published suggested retail prices. The calculator has become a popular tool among producers interested in comparing seed and technology prices as they work to finalize their cotton variety selections.

The 2019 version of the spreadsheet includes recently updated listings for 120 conventional, Roundup Ready FLEX, XtendFlex, GlyTol, Bollgard II, TwinLink, Enlist and Widestrike varieties, including numerous stacked gene versions of these technologies that will be available for sale in West Texas in 2019.

Questions about the seed cost calculator can be directed to Shawn Wade at (806) 792-4904 or shawn@plainscotton.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 4-5

Texas Cotton Ginners Association Annual Conference & Trade Show, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

April 6

PCG Annual Meeting, LMCC
Keynote Speaker: Tamar Haspel
(on Twitter at @tamarhaspel)

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USDA Decreases Area Production Estimates

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If the latest estimates from the National Agricultural Statistics Services hold true, Texas High Plains cotton growers will produce just more than 4 million bales of upland cotton for the 2018 crop.

NASS adjusted their most recent estimate for the area – released today after a delay due to the government shutdown – downward overall from their December report, from 4,250,000 to 4,085,000 bales. Of those, 1,825,000 will come from the Northern High Plains – down 175,000 from December – and 2,260,000 from the Southern High Plains, up 10,000 bales.

Yield per acre for the Northern High Plains is 880 pounds, down from 923 in December, and 633 for the Southern High Plains, down from 720. Harvested acres dropped from 1,040,000 in the NHP to 995,000, but increased by 215,000 acres in the SHP, from 1,500,000 in the December report to 1,715,000 in this report. Planted acres increased by 20,000 in the NHP and by 5,000 in the SHP to a total of 4,810,000. The abandonment rate is at about 44 percent.

Statewide, the production number dropped 100,000 bales from December to 6.9 million bales. The nationwide estimate for upland cotton decreased slightly to 17,596,000 bales from an estimated 17.8 million in the December report.

Upcoming Area Ag Conferences and Auxin Trainings

February 11 – Auxin Training, 10 a.m., War Memorial Building, **Panhandle**

February 12 – Auxin Training, Ag Producers Co-op Program, **Vega**

February 12 – Randall Commodity Marketing Workshop, 3-6 p.m., Kuhlman Extension Center, 200 N. Brown Road, **Canyon**. \$10 cost, dinner provided, RSVP by February 8. More info: Dr. J.D. Ragland, CEA-AG/NR, (806) 468-5543.

February 12-13 – No-Till Texas Soil Health Symposium, Amarillo Civic Center North Exhibit Hall, **Amarillo**. Registration \$60. More info: <https://www.no-tilltexas.com>.

February 14 – Oldham County Ag Day, Oldham County Barn, 305 Coke Street, **Vega**. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. More info: Amanda Spiva, CEA-AG/NR, (806) 267-2692.

February 14 – Auxin Training, 1 p.m., Oldham County Ag Day, **Vega**

February 20 – Auxin Training, Ag Producers Fertilizer Division, **Dalhart**

February 21 – Auxin Training, Dawson County AgriLife Extension Office, **Lamesa**

February 26 – Sandyland Crops Conference, Gaines County Civic Building, 402 NW Fifth Street, **Seminole**. CEUs offered. More info: Terry Millican, CEA-AG/NR, (432) 758-4006.

February 26 – Swisher Pre-Plant Meeting, Swisher County Show Barn, **Tulia**. More info: John Villalba, CEA-AG/NR, (806) 995-3726.

February 26 – Auxin Training, 1 p.m., Ochiltree County Expo Center, **Perryton**

February 26 – Auxin Training, Dawson County AgriLife Extension Office, **Lamesa**

February 26 – Auxin Training, 9 a.m., AgriLife Extension Office, **Morton**

February 27 – Central Plains Cotton Conference, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Community Center, 402 Second Street, **Olton**. More info: Kerry Siders, CEA-IPM, (806) 894-3150.

February 27 – Auxin Training, 2:50 p.m., Central Plains Cotton Conference, **Olton**

February 28 – Auxin Training, 9 a.m., Hockley AgriLife Extension Office, **Levelland**

February 28 – Auxin Training, Wilbur-Ellis, **Dalhart**

To see a complete list of upcoming conferences and auxin trainings, visit <http://www.plainscotton.org/agconferences.html>.

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