

## **Reminder --- PCG to Host Crop Insurance Information Seminar February 16<sup>th</sup>**

Friday, January 8, 2021

By Shawn Wade

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. will host a virtual information session on **February 16, 2021** to review and discuss the numerous options available to producers for the 2021 growing season through the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Additional information, including links to register for the February 16 session will be made available in the coming weeks through this newsletter and on the PCG website located at: <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

The purpose of the seminar is to acquaint producers with the wide variety of existing and new crop insurance products available to them in 2021 and to discuss how crop insurance can be employed to complement or in some instances be substituted for other USDA program options.

“With an uncertain weather and market situation cotton producers should carefully consider the full range of risk management products heading into the 2021 growing season,” says Shawn Wade, Director of Policy Analysis and Research for Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. “The fact is that growers have a tremendous amount of latitude when it comes to putting together a robust risk management program due to the availability of existing program enhancements, such as Yield Exclusion and Trend Adjusted Yield adjustments and policy add-ons like the Cotton Seed (Pilot) Endorsement, Stacked Income Protection Program (STAX), Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), and the new Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO).”

Crop insurance in combination with one or more of these components has the ability to provide a multitude of meaningful options for producers and improve the risk management programs they depend on to get them through uncertain weather and market situations.

## **2021 PCG Seed Cost Calculator NOW Available**

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By Whitney Curry

The 2021 version of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Seed Cost Calculator is ready and available for download from the PCG website at <https://plainscotton.org/seed-cost-calculators/>.

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 2021 version of the spreadsheet includes recently updated listings for 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 2021.

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

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## **Upcoming Area Ag Conferences**

As things continue to change in the coming weeks continue to follow the PCG website ([www.plainscotton.org](http://www.plainscotton.org)) for an updated list of the area ag conferences. Many have been moved to a virtual format or postponed to a later date.

**January 26 – (Face-to-Face)** Llano Estacado Ag Conference, Muleshoe, Contact Bailey County office; 806-272-4583

**January 27 – (Virtual Zoom Meeting)** Pre-Plant Producers Update, Canyon, Contact Randall County office; 806-468-5543

**January 27 – (Virtual Zoom Meeting)** Beef Range Meeting, Dumas, Contact Moore County office; 806-935-2594.

**January 28 – (Virtual Zoom Meeting)** High Plains Cotton Conference, Spearman, Contact Matt Whiteley at Hansford County office; 806-659-4130. Or Kristy Slough at Hutchinson County office; 806-878-4026.

**January 28 – (Virtual Zoom Meeting)** NW Panhandle Ag Conference, Dalhart, Contact Dallam-Hartley County; 806-244-4434 or Moore County offices; 806-935-2594.

## **2021 Auxin Specific Certification Trainings**

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By Whitney Curry

There are several opportunities to complete the Auxin Specific Certification Training for the 2021 growing season. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Lubbock is planning five (5) virtual zoom trainings starting **TODAY, Friday, January 22, 2021**.

With the exception of the first training beginning earlier today, all subsequent trainings will take place on the second Friday of the month (February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14 – Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend). All trainings will start at 9 AM and last 1 hour.

One CEU will be provided in Laws and Regulations category. To participate in one of these trainings, please register using the following link: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/organizationListings/209>.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-College Station will be posting information on an online module training in the coming weeks on the AgriLife Online Courses website: [agrilifelearn.tamu.edu](http://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu). Trainings delivered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will satisfy both the US EPA requirement for mandatory dicamba training as well as the Texas Department of Agriculture requirement for approved dicamba and 2,4-D formulations.

Industry-sponsored training also are available that began this past week and can be found on their individual websites. Syngenta has dicamba webinar trainings ([https://syngenta.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_BgoSQ3-JR6y9n\\_3sU1wsdQ](https://syngenta.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BgoSQ3-JR6y9n_3sU1wsdQ)). BASF has scheduled an online module, live webinars, and in-person trainings, to view which time works best for you, visit: <https://www.engeniaherbicide.com/training.html>. Bayer started live-webinar trainings this past week as well that will occur weekly through March and can be found at <https://www.roundupreadyxtend.com/stewardship/Pages/default.aspx>. All industry-sponsored dicamba trainings satisfy the US EPA requirement for mandatory dicamba training.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Pete Dotray at 806-834-3685 or at [pete.dotray@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:pete.dotray@ag.tamu.edu).