

## Speakers Finalized for PCG Annual Meeting

Friday, March 19, 2021

By Whitney Curry

The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has been scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021 at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center. There will be a breakfast, hosted by Delatpine, to kick off the meeting at 7:30 a.m., registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00 a.m.

This year's PCG Annual Meeting will feature our keynote speaker, sponsored by Farmers Cooperative Compress, Jim Wiesemeyer, a journalist and analyst for Pro Farmer in Washington, D.C. Wiesemeyer is the Dean of Washington farm journalism, having covered U.S. agriculture in the nation's capital for nearly 50 years, he has interviewed senior government officials including U.S. Presidents and USDA Secretaries since Earl Butz.

Dr. Gary Adams, President and CEO of the National Cotton Council, will give an update on the councils' latest activities in Washington, D.C. and throughout the Cotton Belt. Beau Stephenson with the Lubbock Cotton Exchange will discuss this years' details on the Texas International Cotton School, and Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) is scheduled to address our meeting as well.

Current PCG president Brent Nelson, who farms near Sudan, Texas, will preside over the meeting, and PCG Chief Executive Officer Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities. An award recognizing the 2020 High Plains Cotton Agent of the Year will also be presented at the meeting. Following the PCG Annual Meeting a lunch hosted by FiberMax will be served.

"This meeting is an excellent opportunity to network with producers and industry leaders, and to hear the latest information on a variety of topics affecting Texas High Plains cotton," PCG CEO Steve Verett said. "After the difficult year we have all faced, I encourage everyone to mark April 9 on your calendar and make plans to join us in Lubbock for our Annual Meeting."

There is no charge to attend, and no RSVP is necessary. Additional information about PCG can be found at <https://plainscotton.org>.

## Caprock Crop Production Conference set April 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday, March 15, 2021

By Kay Ledbetter, Texas A&M AgriLife

The Caprock Crop Production Conference for Crosby and Floyd counties is set for Thursday, April 1, 2021 in Floyd County. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service event will take place at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center, 990 FM Rd 786 in Muncy, Texas.

The cost is \$45. Advanced registration (<https://crosby-ag-committee.square.site>) is requested by March 25<sup>th</sup> for this in-person meeting, so all COVID-related precautions can be taken. To register, contact Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agent for Floyd County at 806-983-4912, or Caitlin Jackson, AgriLife Extension agent for Crosby County, at 806-675-2347.

The event will start at 7 a.m. with registration, coffee and donuts. The speakers will begin at 8 a.m. and the program will run until 3 p.m. There will be agriculture exhibits for viewing during lunch and breaks.

There will be six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units available: two general, two laws and regulations, one drift and one integrated pest management.

"This annual event is one folks return to time and time again," Carroll said. "This year's lineup of experts is outstanding and truly offers something for everyone in ag production."

### Topics and Speakers:

- Drift Minimization – Jacob Reed, BASF Chemicals Senior Field Biologist, Lubbock
- Diseases Affecting Cotton and Corn Producers – Terry Wheeler, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension Plant Pathologist, Lubbock
- Harvest Aids – Robert Wright, Texas Tech University Graduate Student, Lubbock
- Agriculture Law Update – Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, J.D., AgriLife Extension Agriculture Law Specialist, Amarillo
- Weed Management Strategist – Peter Dotray, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research Weed Specialist, Lubbock
- Auxin Training – Jackson

"This is the 27<sup>th</sup> year for the Caprock Crop Production Conference, and we are excited for the fantastic lineup of education, fellowship, food and door prizes," Jackson said.

Plains Land Bank and Vista Bank will be sponsoring the food and providing the food and providing door prizes.

## Seed Cotton PLC Payment Matrix Available on PCG Website

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On the PCG website there is a resource available to help cotton growers estimate their seed cotton Price Loss Coverage (PLC) payment rate per base acre.

The Seed Cotton PLC Payment Matrix is a helpful decision tool for producers to be able to easily track monthly estimates of the 2020 PLC price which if triggered will be paid in October of this year.

Growers can plug in their own seed cotton yield to estimate their seed cotton PLC payment rate per base acre. The matrix takes into account the marketing year average (MYA) price for lint and seed. It is current as of the end of February 2021 and will be updated monthly.

"This is not a guaranteed calculation, but it will give growers and lenders an idea of their potential PLC payment rate on seed cotton." PCG Vice President of Operations and Legislative Affairs Kody Bessent said.

The spreadsheet is only available via desktop and is not optimized for mobile. The link can be found on the Tools and Reminders page on the PCG website at <https://plainscotton.org/tools-and-reminders/>.