

PCG Hosts 64th Annual Meeting, Elects Officers, and Executive Committee at Board Meeting

Friday, April 9, 2021

By Whitney Curry

Today approximately 175 cotton growers, ginners, producers, industry leaders, and others interested in cotton attended the PCG 64th Annual Meeting at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center.

Attendees heard from Pro Farmer journalist, and keynote speaker, Jim Wiesemeyer of Washington, D.C. who provided the crowd with an in depth look into the current political and legislative landscape in Washington. Wiesemeyer discussed the recent election and what that outcome looks like for the Nation, along with the new appointments affecting the agriculture industry since the Biden administration took office.

Joining Wiesemeyer on the program were Dr. Gary Adams, President and CEO of the National Cotton Council, who updated the group on NCC activities, the current market, the supply and demand situation for cotton and trade issues. Adams concluded his presentation with a discussion of the U.S. Cotton Trust Protocol.

Beau Stephenson representing the Lubbock Cotton Exchange gave an update on the future of the Texas International Cotton School and the plans moving forward for the upcoming August 2-12, 2021 school. Go to <https://www.texasintlcottonschool.com/home.html> for more information.

Lubbock Congressman Jodey Arrington addressed the crowd and gave his perspective on the situation in Washington, D.C. and the challenges facing agriculture and the country at this time.

Following the Annual Meeting, during the quarterly Board of Directors meeting, Brent Nelson of Sudan was re-elected PCG President for 2021-2022. Joining Nelson on the PCG officer team are Martin Stoerner of Lockney, re-elected as Vice-President; and Travis Mires of O'Donnell, re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the 42-county cotton producer organization. The Immediate Past President, Stacy Smith of New Home, serves as chairman of the board.

Each year the PCG Board also elects a total of nine directors, three from each of the organization's three districts that will serve on the Executive Committee alongside the elected officers and the two most recent past presidents.

Members elected to the 2021-2022 PCG Executive Committee are: District 1 representatives Brent Coker of

Springlake, Barry Evans of Kress, and Jon Jones of Floydada; representing District 2 David Carter of Levelland, Rex Kennedy of Lubbock, and Scott Harmon of Idalou; District 3 representatives Jeremy Brown of Lamesa, Carl Pepper of Borden County, and Johnny Ray Todd of Lamesa.

WHIP+ Close Out Deadline Approaching

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

By USDA

Since October 1, 2020, the application deadline for the Wildfire Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+), County offices have been working to process and complete applications. Initially, the National Office did not designate a deadline to have all WHIP+ application finalized and paid.

However, on March 29, 2021, USDA advised that State and County offices have a deadline of Friday, April 16, 2021 to have all WHIP+ applications finalized and approved for payment. Any WHIP+ application not containing a notice of loss will be deleted after April 16, 2021.

All County offices will ensure that all WHIP+ applications are finalized and approved for payment no later than close of business next Friday, April 16, 2021, and State offices will ensure that County offices are aware of and follow the provisions of the notice that was released from USDA.

2021 PCG Seed Cost Calculator Updated

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The 2021 version of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Seed Cost Calculator has been updated as of April 1, 2021 and is available for download on 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 as 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 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 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.

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