

**PCG Schedules Information Sessions
About New Seed Cotton Program**

Friday, February 23, 2018 by Mary Jane Buerkle

Plains Cotton Growers staff will present seven information sessions around the PCG service area to allow anyone interested in learning more about recently passed legislation that defines Seed Cotton as a covered commodity eligible for Title I ARC or PLC programs in the 2014 Farm Bill for the 2018 crop year.

Meetings will be as follows:

PCG Regional Information Session #1 - Lubbock

Date: Friday, March 2, 2018

Location: Plains Cotton Cooperative Association - Delegate

Body Room, 3301 E 50th St, Lubbock

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #2 - Seminole

Date: Monday, March 5, 2018

Location: Gaines County Community Center, 853 US HWY 385

North, about 7 miles north of Seminole in Gaines County Park

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #3 - Lamesa

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Location: Forrest Park Community Center, 900 S. Houston Ave,
Lamesa

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #4 - Plainview

Date: Monday, March 26, 2018

Location: Ollie Liner Center, 2000 S. Columbia St., Plainview

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #5 - Muleshoe

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Location: Bailey County Electric Cooperative - Community
Room, 610 E. American Blvd, Muleshoe

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #6 - Amarillo

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018

Location: AgTexas Farm Credit Services - Amarillo, 2001 S.
Sony Road, Amarillo

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #7 - Dumas

Date: Friday, March 30, 2018

Location: 8th Street Event Center, 420 W. 8th Street, Dumas

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

For more information and resources, visit
<http://www.plainscotton.org/18SeedCottonInfo.html> or call PCG
at (806) 792-4904.

2018 PCG Seed Cost Calculator Now Available

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The 2018 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 2018 version of the spreadsheet includes recently updated listings for 116 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 2018.

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

AgriLife Extension Releases Cotton Trial Results

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By Kay Ledbetter, AgriLife TODAY

Just in time for cotton producers making variety selections for the coming year, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomists in the High Plains and Rolling Plains have released their 2017 Replicated Agronomic Cotton Evaluation, or RACE, trial results.

Drs. Jourdan Bell in Amarillo, Seth Byrd in Lubbock and Emi Kimura in Vernon, all AgriLife Extension agronomists, recently released the results of their large plot, on-farm, replicated cotton variety trials, which are conducted annually to assist Texas cotton producers in remaining competitive in these regions.

These RACE trials provide producers knowledge of varietal performance and stability under regional environmental conditions, the agronomists said. The 2017 production season saw many weather-related challenges across the two regions.

The southern High Plains region planted 17 RACE trials; the northern High Plains planted at seven, but only five locations were harvested; and the Rolling Plains conducted trials at 15 locations. A wide range of planting dates and seeding rates were used to reflect the different cultural practices of cotton producers to address issues specific to their location.

For a complete look at the results, go to: <http://bit.ly/2sCpTxm> for the southern and northern High Plains' trials and <http://bit.ly/2sXIVl> for the Rolling Plains.

The RACE trials were in part funded by Plains Cotton Growers' Plains Cotton Improvement Program, Cotton Inc., the Texas State Support Committee, Americot/NexGen, Bayer CropScience, Deltapine, CROPLAN Genetics and Phytogen Cottonseed.