

Arrington, Atherley Scheduled to Speak at PCG Annual Meeting April 6

Friday, March 16, 2018 By Mary Jane Buerkle
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., will host their 61st Annual Meeting on Friday, April 6, 2018 in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the program will start promptly at 9 a.m. The meeting is held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show, April 5-6, 2018, in Lubbock. For more information on the TCGA Annual Meeting and Trade Show, visit <http://www.tcga.org/>.

Current PCG president Johnie Reed, who farms near Kress, Texas, will preside over the meeting and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities. An award recognizing the 2017 High Plains Cotton Agent of the Year also will be presented at the meeting.

Congressman Jodey Arrington is scheduled to speak to the group. Bruce Atherley, executive director of Cotton Council International, will report on CCI's export promotion activities. Tom Wedegaertner with Cotton Incorporated will report on that organization's latest initiatives. The program will feature an update on the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. PAC and an announcement about the 2018 Celebrate Cotton Game. PCG staff also will present information on the new Seed Cotton program, and John Aldinger with the Lubbock Cotton Exchange will discuss the Texas International Cotton School.

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., sponsored by Monsanto/Deltapine. Lunch, sponsored by Bayer CropScience/FiberMax/Stoneville, will follow the meeting.

There is no charge to attend and no RSVP is necessary. Additional information about PCG and the Annual Meeting can be found at <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

Cotton Ginning Cost Share Signups are Underway!

Contact Your Local FSA Office
More Info: <http://fsa.usda.gov/cgcs>

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.

Upcoming Auxin-Specific Herbicide Trainings Seed Cotton Program Resource Page Available at plainscotton.org

Seed Cotton Program Info Sessions Continue

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PCG has scheduled several meetings across the service area for those 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.

These meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. with a presentation that will last until about 10 a.m. The remainder of the time can be used for questions and discussion. Meetings are as follows:

PCG Regional Information Session #3 - **Lamesa**
Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018
Location: Forrest Park Community Center, 900 S. Houston Ave.
Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #4 - **Plainview**
Date: Monday, March 26, 2018
Location: Ollie Liner Center, 2000 S. Columbia St.
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
Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

PCG Regional Information Session #6 - **Amarillo**
Date: Thursday, March 29, 2018
Location: AgTexas Farm Credit Services - Amarillo, 2001 S. Soncy Road
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
Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

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