

Effects of the Early Cold Front Hit Area

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By Whitney Curry

At this point in 2020, nothing is quite surprising. With temperatures last week dipping below 40 degrees, breaking a National Weather Service record that had been held for over 100 years, producers are concerned about the possible effects of those temperatures on their cotton crop.

However, despite the recent cold front and record setting low temperatures, we are expecting minimal effects on the yield and quality of this year's cotton crop. The cotton that is showing the most visual effect, changing in leaf and canopy color, seems to be the cotton that was more mature and under the most stress from lack of rain or irrigation. The balance of the crop that was not under as much stress when the cool temperatures arrived, seems to be much less affected. With normal to above normal temperatures forecasted for the next 30 days, little to no effect should result.

Fortunately, the damage from this early cold front was not as bad as originally expected and the area continues to move forward with harvest expected to begin in the next few weeks. The current December futures are trading in the 65 to 66 range at press time.

Cotton Board 2021 Calendar Photo Contest

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From The Cotton Board

It is time to show off some beautiful cotton and your photography skills in The Cotton Board's 2021 Calendar Photo Contest. One winning photo will be selected and featured in The Cotton Board's 2021 Industry Calendar.

"We are looking for creative, captivating images of cotton in any stage of production to include in the calendar. The cotton should be the focal point of submitted entries and we ask that there be no people in the images submitted," says Stacey Gorman, Director of Communications for The Cotton Board. "I am looking forward to submissions from across the Cotton Belt, as I know each region has its own unique and beautiful cotton landscapes," she said. Photos should be taken in a horizontal orientation and be at least 300 dpi.

To be eligible to win, contestants must first "like" [The Cotton Board Facebook page](#) and then email their high-res jpeg photo to sgorman@cottonboard.org. Up to three entries per contestant will be considered. The contest ends on **Thursday October 8, 2020 at noon, CST**. Cotton Board staff will vote to determine the winning photo.

For more information:

<https://www.cottonboard.org/news/press-releases/cotton-board-2021-calendar-photo-contest/>

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Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2

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From USDA

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2, or CFAP 2, will provide producers with financial assistance that gives them the ability to absorb some of the increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. USDA will accept CFAP 2 applications from **September 21, 2020 through December 11, 2020**.

Row crops **eligible** for CFAP 2 include: alfalfa, amaranth grain, barley, buckwheat, canola, corn, Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton, upland cotton, crambe (colewort), einkorn, emmer, flax, guar, hemp, indigo industrial rice, kenaf, khorasan, millet, mustard, oats, peanuts, quinoa, rapeseed, rice, sweet rice, wild rice, rye, safflower, sesame, sorghum, soybeans, speltz, sugar beets, sugarcane, sunflowers, teff, triticale, and all classes of wheat. Forage soybeans and forage sorghum are **not eligible** for CFAP 2. Hay, except alfalfa, and crops intended for grazing are **ineligible** for CFAP 2 and will not receive a CFAP 2 payment. Crops with intended uses of green manure and those left standing are also ineligible.

Payments for eligible row crops are figured by a flat rate of \$15 per acre OR a differently variable depending on commodity.

For example, cotton can be figured by the payment rate of \$0.08 multiplied by 46% (crop marketing percentage) multiplied by a producer's APH (Actual Production History).

To learn more about eligible row crops, payments, and more detailed information, visit farmers.gov/cfap.

Southwest Council of Agribusiness Sets VIRTUAL Annual Meeting for October 1

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

From SWCA

After much consideration, the SWCA Board of Directors has decided to hold the **2020 SWCA Annual Meeting virtually**.

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, **October 1**, at **9:00 AM CT**. We plan to keep the general meeting to two hours and will hold a business meeting after hearing from and having Questions & Answers with our excellent slate of speakers.

The lineup of presenters includes: **Mr. Jim Wiesemeyer**, the renowned ProFarmer journalist and analyst. **Mr. Wiesemeyer** will have deep insight on forces impacting the agricultural economy, including the upcoming elections. Jim has covered U.S. agriculture in the nation's capitol for nearly 50 years, and is known for his sharp wit and keen insight.

And, Agricultural and Food Policy Center Co-Directors **Dr. Joe Outlaw** and **Dr. Bart Fischer** will do a deep dive on dynamics in the agricultural economy in the greater Southwest region.

We will also be providing a breakdown of what is coming out of DC, both from the ongoing response to COVID and from the 2018 Farm Bill.

SWCA will be sending out a more detailed agenda and Zoom registration information.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.