

Register for the National Cotton Council Annual Meeting

Friday, January 29, 2021

By Whitney Curry

The National Cotton Council's 2021 Annual Meeting will be conducted in a virtual format to minimize risks to industry members due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee meetings will begin Tuesday, January 19, 2021, and will end with the convention's final event, the General Session on Thursday, February 11, 2021. To view the schedule-at-a-glance visit <https://www.cotton.org/news/meetings/am/2021/schedule-at-a-glance.cfm>.

To register for the NCC Annual Meeting, visit <https://www.cotton.org/news/meetings/am/2021/2021-am-registration.cfm>, the pre-meeting registration deadline is Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 10:30 p.m. CST.

For more information regarding the meeting visit <https://www.cotton.org/news/meetings/am/2021/>.

Reminder --- PCG to Host Crop Insurance Information Seminar February 16th

Friday, January 8, 2021

By Shawn Wade

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. will host a virtual information session on **February 16, 2021** to review and discuss the numerous options available to producers for the 2021 growing season through the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Additional information, including links to register for the February 16 session will be made available in the coming weeks through this newsletter and on the PCG website located at: <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

The purpose of the seminar is to acquaint producers with the wide variety of existing and new crop insurance products available to them in 2021 and to discuss how crop insurance can be employed to complement or in some instances be substituted for other USDA program options.

"With an uncertain weather and market situation cotton producers should carefully consider the full range of risk management products heading into the 2021 growing season," says Shawn Wade, Director of Policy Analysis and Research for Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. "The fact is that growers have a tremendous amount of latitude when it comes to putting together a robust risk management program due to the availability of existing program enhancements, such as Yield Exclusion and Trend Adjusted Yield adjustments and policy add-ons like the Cotton Seed (Pilot) Endorsement, Stacked Income Protection Program (STAX), Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), and the new Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO)."

Crop insurance in combination with one or more of these components has the ability to provide a multitude of meaningful options for producers and improve the risk management programs they depend on to get them through uncertain weather and market situations.

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) – February 12, 2021

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/>

Quality Loss Assistance Program (QLA) – March 5, 2021

<https://www.farmers.gov/quality-loss>

ARC/PLC - March 15, 2021

https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/arcplc_program/index

Farm Stress - Help and Hope

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The past year has been a whirlwind of uncertainty, which adds to the mounting challenges farmers continue to face in this new crop year. Feelings of stress and isolation can lead to depression, substance abuse and suicide.

Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, Plains Cotton Growers, and experts at Texas Tech have teamed up to provide information about how to get help and have hope. PCCA has created a page on their website called "Farm Stress – Help and Hope" with resources and facts about mental health crisis. According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, 91% believe that financial stress or fear of losing the family farm impacts mental health.

Resources include (but are not limited to):

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255. The call is free and confidential, and they will connect the caller to a counselor in their area.
- Crisis Text Line – text HOME to 741741 to be connected to a trained counselor 24/7.
- Farm Aid Farmer Hotline, 1-800-327-6243. Staff will answer calls Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

More information can be found at <https://pcca.com/farm-stress-help-and-hope/>.

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Don't forget to keep up with upcoming local meetings, webinars, etc. online. These are posted and kept up to date at <https://plainscotton.org/upcoming-events/>.

If you have any upcoming meetings, webinars, etc. that you would like posted on the PCG website, please email them to Whitney at whitney@plainscotton.org.

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