

**HARVEST PROGRESS SLOWED: ESTIMATES INDICATE HIGH PLAINS 30% HARVESTED**

November 5, 2021 By Kody Bessent

The Texas High Plains cotton harvest continues to remain on pace despite recent weather conditions. As of this week it is estimated that 30 percent of the High Plains crop has been harvested to date.

While no significant moisture accumulation has been reported in the region this week, morning fog and heavy dew has limited the time producers have been able to be in the field for the past few days. One positive of the recent weather is that the little bit of extra moisture should contribute to improved effectiveness for some recent harvest aid applications.

In addition to the inflow of moisture, portions of the PCG service area west and north of Lubbock received their first killing freeze this week, but other parts of the region continue to wait on a hard freeze to fully terminate the crop.

Yield estimates continue to remain favorable along with the overall quality of the crop, however, micronaire continues to be of concern as well as plastic and other extraneous matter. According to the Lubbock Classing Office report for the week ending November 4, 198,923 bales have been classed from 60 gins. The Lamesa Classing Office reported 101,184 bales from 30 gins.

Markets continue to trade well above the \$1 threshold and weekly sales reports continue to reflect a healthy demand for U.S. cotton, primarily from Turkey and China which have been the most active buyers for the past few weeks.

Logistics continue to be a big concern for traders and buyers and significant value can be attributed to the ability to get cotton scheduled and shipped in a timely fashion.

**2021 COTTON QUALITY REPORTS**

The following is a summary of the cotton classed at the Lubbock and Lamesa USDA Cotton Division Cotton Classing Offices for the 2021 production season.

The complete weekly Classing Office reports for Lubbock, Lamesa and Abilene are available on the PCG website at: <https://plainscotton.org/quality-reports/>

**2021 High Plains Cotton Quality Summary**

*Week Ending: 11/04/2021*

Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple	
Lamesa	101,184	21+ - 88.6% 31 - 0.5% 12 - 6.5%	1.79	35.97	
Lubbock	198,923	21+ - 80.9% 31 - 2.0% 12 - 10.9%	2.28	36.27	
		<i>Mike</i>	<i>Strength</i>	<i>Uniformity</i>	<i>Bark</i>
Lamesa	4.02	30.57	79.65	3.1%	
Lubbock	3.80	30.73	80.46	7.2%	

*Season Totals To Date:*

Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple	
Lamesa	201,588	21+ - 83.7% 31 - 0.6% 12 - 9.4%	1.86	36.14	
Lubbock	454,500	21+ - 71.9% 31 - 1.8% 12 - 16.2%	2.37	36.16	
		<i>Mike</i>	<i>Strength</i>	<i>Uniformity</i>	<i>Bark</i>
Lamesa	4.02	30.61	79.81	3.5%	
Lubbock	3.80	31.08	80.42	7.8%	

Source: USDA AMS

**FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS BEGIN NOVEMBER 1**

November 5, 2021 By Shawn Wade

The 2021 Farm Service Agency County Committee Elections will begin November 1, 2021, when ballots are mailed to eligible voters. The deadline to return ballots to local FSA offices, or to be postmarked, is December 6, 2021.

County committee members are an important component of the operations of FSA and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA. Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity price support programs; conservation programs; incentive indemnity and disaster programs for some commodities; emergency programs and

eligibility. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm, may also be eligible to vote. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation(s) but may not have applied or received FSA program benefits.

Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot can obtain one from their local USDA Service Center. Newly elected committee members will take office January 1, 2022.

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## **2022 BWCC REGISTRATION Now Open**

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By Shawn Wade

Plans for the 2022 Beltwide Cotton Conferences (BWCC), January 4-6, 2022 at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio, TX, are moving forward and online registration for producers and cotton industry representatives is open. To register go to [www.cotton.org/beltwide/](http://www.cotton.org/beltwide/).

That BWCC home page also includes more information about the forum, including a link to make housing reservations and an updated program.

Producers wondering what type of information the BWCC will offer need only look at the list of topics being considered for inclusion in the BWCC's Consultants Conference.

In addition to the Consultant's Conference there are also 11 separate cotton technical conferences that will provide additional topic specific presentations from key research and industry presenters. The Cotton Engineering-Systems Conference, for example, is planning to include presentations on data analytics, robotics, remote-sensing and unmanned aerial vehicles, among others.

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