
PCG PUBLISHES 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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By Kody Bessent

While every crop year is unique, 2021 will certainly be one to remember. Throughout 2021, we witnessed extreme weather-related events ranging from winter storm Uri's prolific snowfall and record low temperatures to the onset of extreme/exceptional drought conditions going into our normal cotton planting season.

Fortunately, for most of the PCG region, producers received much needed and timely rainfall through a majority of the growing season resulting in an average to above average crop in most cases and a level of production that we have not experienced since 2017.

However, while this year has brought about a favorable crop throughout most of the region, coupled with good prices, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge that this year has certainly not been without its challenges. The COVID-impacted economic landscape continues to stress and challenge the cotton industry in every segment from supply chain disruptions to delays in manufacturing and delivery of parts and equipment compounded by labor shortages.

Throughout this year, PCG has remained steadfast in our efforts directly and through coalitions and partnerships with others in order to address many of the challenges we have faced this year. We continue to be mindful of supply shortages and rising input costs and their impact on all cotton industry segments.

As we head into 2022, we wanted to provide our members and associates a recap of some of PCG's key 2021 federal and state initiatives, highlight our market development and research support efforts and preview some of the work ahead in 2022. A copy of PCG's annual report is available on the PCG website at: <http://www.plainscotton.org>

PCG TO HOST CROP INSURANCE UPDATE MEETING FEBRUARY 2ND

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By Shawn Wade

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. will host a 2022 ARC/PLC and Crop Insurance Update meeting on Wednesday, **February 2, 2022** to review and discuss the numerous options available to producers for the

2022 growing season through the USDA Farm Service Agency and Federal Crop Insurance Program.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to help producers make final decisions regarding their 2022 USDA Farm Service Agency ARC/PLC enrollments and Federal Crop Insurance purchases prior to the March 15 signup deadline for these important safety net programs.

"Given our current weather outlook, coupled with rising input costs and cotton prices going into the 2022 growing season, it is critical for producers to carefully consider the full range of risk management options available to them," says Shawn Wade, PCG's Director of Policy Analysis and Research. "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 crop insurance products, insurance program enhancements, and Farm Bill programs."

Crop insurance in combination with one or more of these additional components has the ability to provide a meaningful safety-net to producers to mitigate risk throughout the crop year.

The meeting will be conducted in-person from 10:00am – 12:00pm in the Delegate Body Room at Plains Cotton Cooperative Association office in Lubbock, located at 3301 E. 50th Street. Registration for the meeting is free and lunch will be provided to attendees. An online registration link is available on the Plains Cotton Growers website at: <http://www.plainscotton.org/crop-insurance/> or you may contact the office at 806-792-4904.

U.S. SUPREME COURT BLOCKS VACCINE MANDATE FOR PRIVATE EMPLOYERS; ALLOWS HEALTH CARE WORKER MANDATE

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By Kody Bessent

On January 13, 2022, in a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court of the United States granted a stay on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS). The stay effectively blocks OSHA from enforcing the ETS and its requirements that private sector employers require COVID-19 vaccination or weekly testing of

their employees, pending further litigation on the merits in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit.

Additionally, the Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision decided not to stay enforcement of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Omnibus COVID-19 rule for Medicaid/Medicare participants. Employers who participate in Medicaid and or Medicare programs must comply with the rule by ensuring that all covered employees have their first vaccine by January 27, 2022.

PCG HOLDS JANUARY BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2022

By PCG Staff

The first quarterly meeting of 2022 of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Board of Directors was held Wednesday, January 12, at the FiberMax Center for Discovery in Lubbock, Texas.

Dr. John Robinson, Texas AgriLife Extension Economist, provided an initial cotton market outlook. Robinson indicated U.S. producers are positioned to plant 12.5 million acres of cotton in the U.S., up 6.6% from 2021. He noted that Texas producers could plant up to 7 million of the 12.5 million acres projected in the early 2022 acreage surveys.

The latest supply and demand numbers included in the latest WASDE report leans toward only modest changes in ending stocks year-over-year and fundamentals that lean toward a continuation of support for cotton prices at current levels into 2022.

He added that with the current weather situation in Texas, speculative activity will likely become a driving influence at one or more points during the season.

Although less likely, Robinson said there is some downside price risk in the marketplace from growers experiencing better moisture and growing conditions coupled with higher planted acreage, a failure to resolve current supply chain bottlenecks or if anything happens that slows the current economic recovery.

Dr. Jourdan Bell with Texas AgriLife Research and Extension gave a presentation on the 2021 Panhandle and High Plains Replicated Agronomic Cotton Evaluation (RACE) seed variety trial results which will be a valuable resource as producers start to plan and make cotton seed selections for the 2022 season.

Overall, according to the select trial data presented, varietal stand counts were above average across most of the Panhandle and High Plains region. Preliminary data from irrigated trials across all cotton seed varieties planted in the trial in the Panhandle averaged from 967 lint pounds per acre to 1165lbs, with top varieties ranging in the upper 1100-1300lb range. Dryland trials

relatively followed suit ranging from 393-663lb on average.

Similarly, select High Plains dryland trials presented at the meeting averaged 400-750lbs in lint yield, whereas irrigated trials when compared to the Panhandle were slightly lower on average at 600-800lbs in certain trial locations. More information on RACE trial data will be available soon once preliminary data is fully reviewed and published.

Additionally, Shawn Wade with PCG gave a brief overview of USDA farm program and federal crop insurance program options that producers will have to decide on leading up to the March 15 FSA ARC/PLC signup deadline and Federal Crop Insurance program sales closing date as a precursor to PCG's February 2, 2022 ARC/PLC and Crop Insurance Update meeting.

PCG PAC Chairman Johnnie Reed wrapped up the meeting with an update on the current state of political and fundraising efforts of the PAC and encouraged grower members to participate in these efforts.

USDA SEC. VILSACK APPOINTS MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES TO COTTON BOARD

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By The Cotton

Board

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the appointment of eight members, eight alternate members, and two advisors to serve on The Cotton Board. These appointees will serve three-year terms, ending December 31, 2024.

Newly appointed members: Michelle Tarry, Importer – NJ; and Tara Hoffmann, Importer – NY. Reappointed members: Adam Hatley, Producer – AZ; George Teel Warbington, Producer – GA; Jeff Posey, Producer – TX; Julie Davis Holladay, Producer – TX; Randy Braden, Producer – TX; and Sonja Chapman, Importer – NJ. Reappointed advisors to the Cotton Board were Lamont Bridgeforth – AL; and Karen Kylo – NV.

Newly appointed alternate members: Caroline P. Collins, Producer – GA; Joe Cuervo, Importer – TX; and Scott C. Wagner, Importer – FL. Reappointed alternate members: Ava Lynn Alcaida, Producer – AZ; Brett Schniers, Producer – TX; Jason French, Producer – TX; Steve Olson, Producer – TX; and Patricia R. Lesser, Importer – CA.

In addition, USDA issued the following appointments to fill board vacancies. Each of these appointees have terms that will expire Dec. 31, 2022. Newly appointed member: Alex Armour, Producer –

TN. Newly appointed alternate members: Kirk Smithwick, Importer – AL; John R. Rosman, Importer – TX; Matthew Davis, Importer – OH; Kathy Fowler, Producer – OK; and Gem Mitchell, Producer – TN.

“I am pleased to welcome this group of leaders to The Cotton Board. I look forward to meeting the new appointees and leaning on the experience of those who have been reappointed,” said Jimmy Webb, Georgia cotton producer and current Chairman of The Cotton Board. “On behalf of The Cotton Board, I would like to thank Secretary Vilsack for these timely appointments and thank the appointees for their willingness to share their time and expertise with the cotton industry.”

Members, Alternates, and consumer advisors of The Cotton Board collaboratively represent the interests of both importers and producers to The Cotton Board and Cotton Incorporated. Their insight contributes to activities of the Cotton Research & Promotion Program targeted at improving the profitability of the entire cotton industry.

2022 PRODUCTION HIGH PLAINS CONFERENCE / MEETING DATES

Date	Event	Information
Jan. 20	NW Panhandle Ag Conference, Dumas	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Moore County, 806-935-9765.
Jan. 20	Southern Mesa Ag Conference, Lamesa	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Dawson County, 806-872-3444.
Jan. 24	AgriLife On-line - “Impact on input reduction”	Online https://tinyurl.com/2p9849wk
Jan. 25	Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Muleshoe	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Bailey County, 806-272-4583.
Jan. 25	Pre-plant Producer Meeting, Canyon	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Randall County, 806-468-5543.
Jan. 25	Terry/Yoakum Ag Conference, Brownfield	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Terry County, 806-637-4060.
Jan. 27	Caprock Crop Conference, Muncy	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Floyd County, 806-983-4912.
Jan. 27	NW Panhandle Ag Conference, Dalhart	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Dallam-Hartley County, 806-244-4434.
Jan. 28	High Plains Cotton Conference, Spearman	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Hansford County, 806-659-4130.
Feb. 8	Parmer County Cotton Conference, Bovina	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Parmer County at 806-481-3619.
Feb. 8	Mid Plains Ag Retreat, Plainview	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Hale County, 806-291-5267.
Feb. 8	Input/Impact Conference, Canyon	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Randall County, 806-468-5543.
Feb. 9	Sandyland Ag Conference, Seminole	Contact AgriLife Extension office in Gaines County, 432-758-4006.

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: 01/14/2022

Office	Ave. Daily Receipts	Ave. Daily Classed	Carryover (Bales)	% Classed (estimated)
Lamesa	12,352	14,799	23,465	74.7%
Lubbock	20,350	40,556	298,792	75.0%

Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	103,633	21+ - 93.3% 31 - 4.0% 12 - 0.8%	1.88	35.28
Lubbock	243,338	21+ - 90.2% 31 - 5.6% 12 - 1.3%	2.09	35.72

	Mike	Strength	Uniformity	Bark
Lamesa	3.78	30.16	79.60	3.3%
Lubbock	3.69	30.28	79.84	2.6%

Season Totals To Date:

Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	1,194,327	21+ - 91.4% 31 - 3.0% 12 - 2.8%	1.87	35.57
Lubbock	2,626,939	21+ - 87.1% 31 - 3.4% 12 - 5.2%	2.24	36.07

	Mike	Strength	Uniformity	Bark
Lamesa	3.89	30.37	79.74	3.3%
Lubbock	3.74	30.61	80.18	4.8%

Source: USDA AMS