



# COTTON NEWS

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## **FACES OF COTTON: LLOYD ARTHUR**



**Lloyd Arthur and his family from left to right:  
Jaden, Brady, Lloyd, Angela, David, Makayla**

The best time to call a farmer is when they're on the tractor, according to Lloyd Arthur, a producer in Crosby County who had some time on his hands to chat as he prepared his fields for planting season.

**Q: How long have you been farming?**

**A:** I started in 1981. I partnered with my dad and brother, which later turned into a partnership with one of my sons and my wife. Our operation is about one-third of the size it was at one time; however, I've learned that bigger is not always better.

**Q: Was it always your dream to farm?**

**A:** No, in fact, I told my dad at my high school graduation that I'd never farm. I guess never say never. I grew up in it and thought there were bigger and better things out there and wanted to try something different.

**Q: But...you're farming?**

**A:** My junior year at Texas Tech University, I came down with Guillain-Barre syndrome, which is a rare disorder where the body's immune system attacks the nerves. Spending 70-some-odd days in the hospital at 24 years old had a profound impact on me and it changed me as a person. I decided family and heritage were more important than anything else. I've been farming since.



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## **Thrips and Blight and Fusarium, Oh My!**

The Plains Cotton Improvement Committee met Thursday to review research proposals for the coming year.

Plains Cotton Growers Inc. oversees operation of the Plains Cotton Improvement Program (PCIP). A one-of-a-kind producer-funded research program, solely focused on addressing the needs of High Plains cotton. This year, research projects covered disease, pests, yield and quality.

"PCIP has spent decades supporting research aimed at improving the yield and quality of the cotton produced in the High Plains of Texas," said PCG Director of Policy Analysis and Research Shawn Wade. "The result of this investment is that our region is now a preferred source of high quality cotton for textile users around the world."



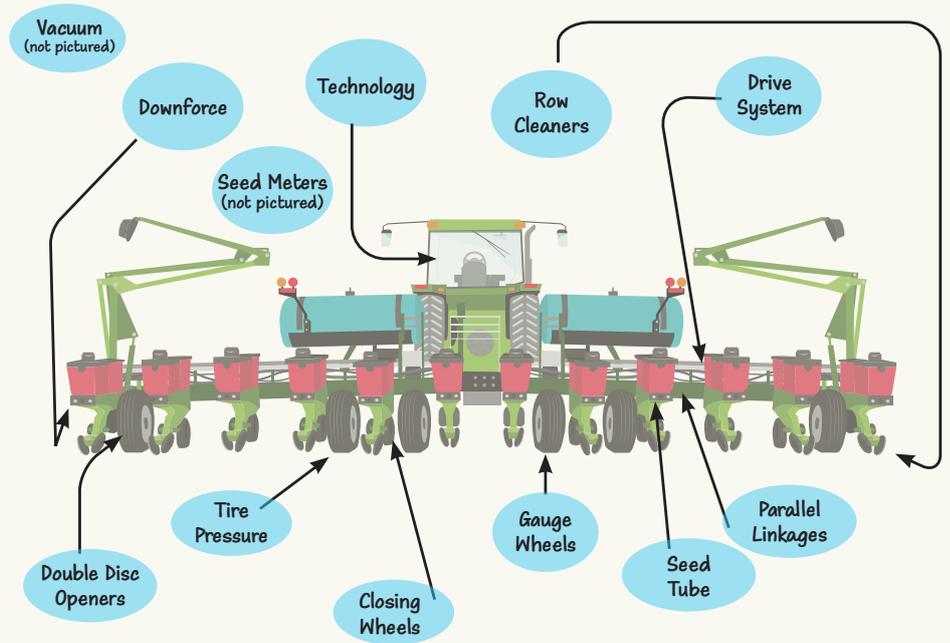
# Got Carbon?

The Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service is looking for producers to participate in their soil carbon assessment to determine baseline levels across Texas. The following management practices are desired:

- No-till or strip-till or conservation till
- Conservation irrigation
- Integrated livestock grazing

Participating farmers will receive a detailed report of their soil results. For more information, contact Katie Lewis, Ph.D.: [katie.lewis@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:katie.lewis@ag.tamu.edu)

## Prepare for Planting Season with this 12-Point Checklist



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# Upcoming Events

Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service has partnered with StoneX to present a cotton hedging and marketing workshop on March 29th at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center in Lubbock. The event is free and lunch is provided. For more information, visit: [bit.ly/3wxcQws](https://bit.ly/3wxcQws).

### Plains Cotton Growers Inc. 65th Annual Meeting

We're looking forward to the PCG annual meeting this year as we celebrate the 2021 crop year and prepare for 2022. The keynote speaker will be David Wasserman with The Cook Political Report. Bring your farm policy questions to our farm policy panel featuring Jennifer Cervantes, Texas and Florida Sugar Cane League, Reece Langley, National Cotton Council Washington Operations and Tim Lust with National Sorghum Producers. Peyton Harper with The Fertilizer Institute will discuss supply and demand factors and Tiffany Lashmet with AgriLife will discuss carbon contracts. For more information, visit: [bit.ly/3JzQ0bu](https://bit.ly/3JzQ0bu).



"Please buddy, can you spare a carbon credit?"

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