**Cotton Field Day**

With the increase in cotton acreage in the area, we worked with the Texas A&M Cotton Research Specialist and Indian Creek Farms to put in a set of Replicated Agronomic Cotton Evaluation (RACE) trials here in the county this year. The trials contain 10 varieties replicated 3 times in the field. The research trials are conducted across the state to help growers evaluate varieties that will perform well in their areas. This is the first year we have conducted the trials here in Comanche County.

We will be hosting a field day at the trial location on Friday, September 7th at10:00 AM. The field day will give everyone an opportunity to view the trials before harvesting, but while still in the vegetative stage. Despite the tough growing conditions this summer Rodney Stephens has done an exceptional job with his irrigated cotton crop this year, yield potential is very good. It is very interesting to see the different varieties lined-up across the field. Rodney will be on hand to discuss growing practices and conditions this year. We will also have the State Cotton Specialist, Gaylon Morgan, talking about varieties, agronomic practices and the cotton crop conditions across the state.

The trials are located on county road 322 North off of Farm to Market Road 1476, take the first county road (322) to the left past Union Cemetery on 1476, go until you see the signs. Following the field tour of the plots we will be having lunch sponsored by our great local ag businesses at the City Café in Gustine. We will be offering 2 CEU’s for the program. This will be an excellent opportunity to compare several cotton varieties against one another in field conditions. If you have questions or need more information, please give us a call.