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Upcoming Meetings



Northeast Panhandle Summer Crops Conference

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Ochiltree and Lipscomb Counties will be hosting a crop production meeting for area corn, cotton and grain sorghum producers on Thursday February 20, 2020. The meeting will be at Frank Phillips Allen Campus in Perryton. Registration will start at 8:00am with programs starting at 8:30 am. The following seminar topics will be Feed Grains Market Outlook, Cotton Market outlook, Growing High Quality Cotton, Growing High Yielding Grain Sorghum, Alternative Crop Economics, Cotton Weed Management and Cotton Insect Management.

Registration fee for the meeting will be \$10. Producers attending will also have the opportunity for 3 CEU's for their pesticide licenses. A beef tenderloin lunch will also be sponsored. For more information contact the extension office in Perryton at 806-435-4501 or Lipscomb at 806-862-4601.

Paraquat Training

Producers in 2020 will need to receive training to utilize paraquat in their cropping systems, below you will find the link, for producers wanting to use Paraquat in their cotton defoliation or other cropping programs, to access the EPA required Paraquat Training video "How To Safely Use and Handle Products Containing Paraquat":

<https://360.articulate.com/review/content/03a6fce9-4bb7-4117-9b53-c1663c5cb423/review>

Synthetic Auxin Training

All producers needing certification to spray synthetic auxins, (dicamba/2-4D), in cotton will be required to have certification training in 2020. A certification training will be held on Tuesday March 10 at 10:00 AM at the Ochiltree County Expo Center. The training will last 1 hour and all producers attending will get 1 CEU of Laws and Regs. Cost for the training is \$10 Contact Scott Strawn CEA-Ag @ 806-435-4501 for more information.



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Northeast Panhandle Summer Crops Conference

Thursday February 20, 2020

8:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Frank Phillips College Allen Campus-- Perryton, TX

Topics

Cotton Market Outlook
 Feedgrains Market Outlook
 Corn Hybrid Selection and Precision Nutrient Management
 Managing for High Yielding Grain Sorghum
 Managing for High Quality Cotton
 Cotton Weed Management Issues
 Cotton Insect Management Issues
 Economics of Alternative Crops

\$10 Registration Fee

Beef Tenderloin Lunch will be provided by



3 CEUs for pesticide applicators (1 IPM and 2 General)

8:00-8:30

Registration

8:30-8:45

Meeting Overview & Introductions

Scott Strawn-CEA AG Ochiltree Co.

8:45-9:30

Room A

Economics of Alternative Crops

Dr. Justin Benavidez-Extension Economist Farm Management

Room B

Cotton Market Outlook

Dr. John Robinson-Extension
 Economist-Cotton Marketing

9:45-10:30

Corn Hybrids/Precision Nutrient Mgt

Dr. Ronnie Schnell-Extension Agronomist -Feedgrains

Growing High Quality Cotton

Dr. Jourdan Bell-Extension Agronomist

10:45-11:30

Feedgrains Market Outlook

Mrs. DeDe Jones-Extension Economist-Risk Management

Cotton Insect Management

Dr. Suhas Vyavhare-
 Extension Entomologist-Cotton

11:45-12:30

Lunch—Beef Tenderloin

12:30-1:00

Sponsors Presentations

1:00-2:00

Management Tips for High Yielding Sorghum

Dr. Brent Bean-National Sorghum Growers Agronomist

Cotton Weed Management

Dr. Peter Dotray-Extension Weed Scientist

2:00

Evaluations & Adjourn

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Ochiltree County Ag Income Estimate

Following is the estimate for total sales in all the commodities produced in Ochiltree County for 2019 production. This estimate is derived by the local county agent from USDA acreage, yield, and price reports. Producer interviews are also conducted on acreage, yields and prices. Additional data is collected by Extension economist from USDA, producers, agribusiness and commodity groups to be utilized for this estimate.

2019 Ochiltree County Annual Agricultural Increment Report

Commodity	Estimated 2019
Crops:	
Wheat	39,206,100
Feed Corn	33,714,400
Ensilage	1,891,400
Hay	4,680,000
Sorghum	13,922,500
Cotton Lint	1,748,400
Cottonseed	435,800
Soybeans	440,800
Vegetables	4,000,000
Alfalfa	135,500
Livestock:	
Milk Total	5,940,000
Fed Beef- (Value Added)	79,038,000
Milk Cows	346,300
^c Other Beef-(Breeder Cattle Beef Calves Dairy Calve Stoker Cattle- Value Added)	12,245,800
Goats	20,000
^d Hogs	60,377,500
Sheep	15,000
Ag-Related:	
Horses	105,000
Hunting	15,000
Other Commodities:	
CRP	784,600
Total	259,062,100



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2020 High Plains Crop Profitability Analyzer available to producers.



(Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

The [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#) has released an updated [2020 High Plains Crop Profitability Analyzer budgeting tool](#).

This decision aid assists producers in making management decisions on the optimal crop mix for their land.

The tool originated in 2016 and was created by a team of AgriLife Extension and Texas A&M AgriLife Research specialists, along with a producer advisory committee.

The irrigated crops available for analysis are alfalfa, canola, corn, corn silage, cotton, peanuts, sorghum, sorghum seed, sorghum silage, sorghum Sudan grass, soybeans, sunflowers, triticale and wheat. Dryland crops include canola, cotton, sorghum, sorghum Sudan grass, sunflowers and wheat.

This is an extremely flexible tool that can assist producers in evaluating their cropping choices and water use for the upcoming year.

The budget cost estimates are averages and producers using it can and will need to modify the prices, input costs and yields to fit their operations.

The spreadsheet contains four sections where analysis is performed: enterprise budgets that require user input, break even price estimates, comparative returns and optimal irrigation analysis.

The enterprise budgets not only provide a measure of crop profitability but also allow for evaluating the landowner/tenant shares of a crop-share lease agreement. In the break-even section, a sensitivity analysis is performed that varies yield and calculates the various prices that would be required to cover out-of-pocket and total costs for each of the crops.

The comparative section provides the expected revenue, out-of-pocket and total costs for each of the crops, he said. The irrigation section allows a producer to identify their optimal crop mix by taking into consideration the water available and any water-use restrictions that apply.

Based on all that information and the crop budgets, the amount of land and profitability is calculated for each of the crops and presented both numerically and graphically.

Another interesting feature is that you can 'toggle on' or 'toggle off' crops, so you can limit the analysis to only crops you are interested in growing.

The 2020 High Plains Crop Profitability Analyzer can be downloaded for free at: <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/>.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Strawn".

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