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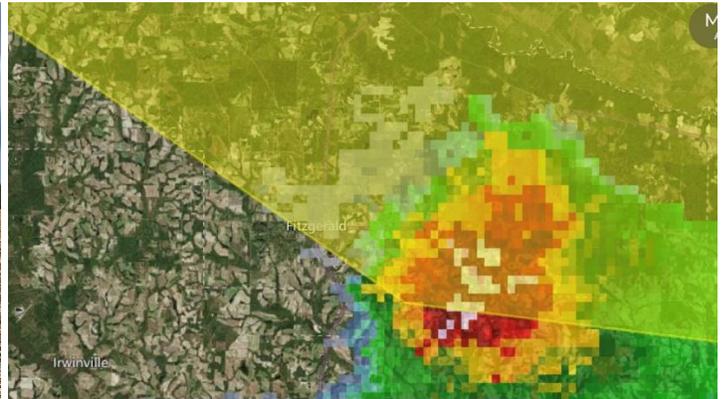
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Recent/Upcoming

See cotton defoliation below from Dr. Camp Hand UGA Cotton Agronomist. According to what I am seeing we will have highs in the 80's and lows in the 50's. The Farmer Appreciation Luncheon is next Friday at Noon at the Irwin EMC Pavilion. We have lots of sweet potatoes for sale at our office. 4-H Coke Fundraiser delivery is tomorrow Tuesday Oct 25th from 1-5.



Helping Holly Anderson with Ben Hill Peanut Trial on MondayThen, Uh Oh!!!



Big rain – Really big rain

Finished up yesterday



Some good-looking cotton

Gina Graham Irwin County 4-H Educator at Sunbelt Expo

2022 Georgia Agricultural Labor Relations Forum

Consider attending the GA Ag Labor Relations Forum on Wed Nov 9 and Thu Nov 10 at the ABAC's GA Museum of Agriculture. Early Bird Registration cost is \$225 by Nov 4 and Late Registration is \$275. Use this link to go to find out more and to register <https://www.georgiaaglaborforum.com/>

Sweet Potatoes for Sale at our office

Irwin County 4-H
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SWEET POTATOES FOR SALE!!

**All Proceeds go toward 4-H Programming*

STOP BY TODAY

\$10 - 10 lb. bag
\$30 - 40 lb. box

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We've got a few available 😊

2023 Annual Blueberry Update

UGA Bacon County Extension will be hosting the 2023 Annual Blueberry Update on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The event will be held at The Blueberry Warehouse, 130 GA Hwy 32 Bypass, Alma, GA 31510. DEADLINE TO REGISTER: January 2, 2023 - Cost: FREE --includes lunch. Register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPYr-oLOVDdY_-7NonZU_-6QB-sa15Z6MCYXcoyi0kc3kXw/viewform

Sign Up Now for 2023 Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference

Make plans to travel to Savannah, Georgia to attend the 2023 Southeast Regional Fruit and Vegetable Conference on January 5-8 and celebrate 21 years of the South's premier fruit and vegetable show! Find out more details about the conference at <https://seregionalconference.org/>. Registration information at <https://seregionalconference.org/registration-3/>

SCHEDULE

Thursday Jan 5, 2023

7:30 AM
Registration Open
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Produce Safety Alliance
Grower Training Course
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Bridging the GAPs:
Approaches for Treating
Irrigation Water On-Farm
10:00 AM
GFVGA Board of
Directors Meeting
10:30 AM to 5:00 PM
SE Regional Educational
Session

12:00 PM

Lunch
5:00 PM
GFVGA Annual Business
Meeting

Friday Jan 6, 2023

7:00 AM
Registration Open
9:00 AM
SE Regional Trade Show
Opens
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
SE Regional Educational
Sessions
12:00 PM
Lunch
4:45 PM
Welcome Reception

5:45 PM

Live Auction
6:15 PM
Trade Show Closes
Evening
Dinner on Your Own
Saturday Jan 7, 2023
8:00 AM
Awards Breakfast
8:00 AM
Registration Open
9:00 AM
SE Regional Trade Show
Opens
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
SE Regional Educational
Sessions
12:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM
Silent Auction Closes
2:30 PM
Trade Show Closes
5:30 PM
Reception by the River
Sunday Jan 8, 2023
8:00 AM
Worship Service
8:30 AM
Industry Roundtable
Discussion
10:30 AM
Conference Adjourns!



COTTON MARKETING NEWS

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Prices Struggling in the Battle to Recover

The last couple of weeks, cotton has occasionally made some progress up but has failed to hold. Dec futures has declined and appears settled at the same area of lows set back in July in the 83 to 90 cents area.

This past week, for example, Dec gained 4.63 cents on Monday and Tuesday (including a limit up move on Monday) but then declined 5.71 cents the remainder of the week. This type of volatile and erratic movement has been characteristic of this market and frustrating for growers.



Weakness in price is due to continuing and mounting worldwide demand concerns including inflation and interest rates here in the US and fluctuations (especially higher) in the value of the dollar.

Economic and demand concerns have not impacted all commodities the same. Compared to corn and soybeans, for example, cotton appears to have been negatively impacted much more. Since September 1, cotton price has declined over 26%, corn has increased almost 5%, and soybeans essentially unchanged.

Price Change Beginning September 1, 2022.			
Futures	Sept 1	Oct 14	% Change
Dec 22 Cotton	113.21	83.15	-26.6
Dec 22 Corn	6.58	6.896	+4.8
Nov 22 Soybeans	13.946	13.836	-0.8

Of course, each commodity has its own overall US and world supply and demand picture.

Cotton price has also been impacted by a larger than expected US crop despite adverse weather issues. Demand concerns combined with a larger than expected crop, has not been kind to prices. Still, it seems to be overriding economic and demand factors that are in the driver's seat.

USDA's October production and supply/demand numbers were not helpful to cotton's situation. Here's a brief summary:

- The US crop was essentially unchanged from the September estimate. Yield was unchanged or increased in 9 states including Texas.
- Projected US exports for the 2022 crop year were cut 100,000 bales.
- World use/demand for the 2022 crop year was cut approximately 3 million bales including reductions for China, India, Pakistan, and Vietnam.
- Needed imports were trimmed for China, Turkey, Pakistan, and Vietnam.
- World ending stocks were raised over 3 million bales.

There is still belief among some within industry that the US crop simply is not as large as USDA's 13.81 million bale estimate. Unless any adjustment down is "significant", however, a cut in the US crop alone is not likely to get prices back on a strong path upward unless economic and demand fears subside also.

Weekly export reports in recent weeks have not been particularly strong but have been weak in some weeks but more encouraging in others. Last week's report was improved in sales but down in shipments.

Dec 23 futures are currently at 76 cents. This is well below the full cost of production and would portend a significant reduction in acreage where producers have choices. The market is currently signaling to grow less cotton. Less acreage next season or an improvement in demand or a combination may likely be needed to get price kicked in the right direction.

Don Shurley

Don Shurley
Cotton Economist-Retired
Professor Emeritus of Cotton Economics



Cotton Defoliation and Harvest Update Hand

Last week was an interesting one to say the least. Very easily could be the earliest frost many of us have seen in our careers. Makes for an interesting rest of the season for sure.

In terms of the stuff that hasn't been defoliated, we need to keep an eye on it to learn the effects of the frost (if you got one). If frost landed on immature bolls, it is possible that they were damaged, but we should start to find out this week. Frost damage on a boll should look like the one on the left in the picture below (the top side of this boll was exposed to frost), where the bottom side of the boll was not exposed to frost, it would look similar to the part of the boll shown on the right.



Now, as long as the frost damage is only on the surface and it wasn't a hard freeze (this is the case for most of us), it is still possible for prep to open some of those bolls. It will just take much longer – instead of 10-14 days, start thinking about 3 to 4 weeks in the worst case. Another way to check and make sure the crop is progressing is cutting bolls throughout the week to make sure they are still maturing. You all should have a shiny new pair of PVC cutters, and this would be a great time to break them in! In terms of when to start back, if the crop is 60% open or greater, I would get out there and spray it ASAP. This week looks like it might be the highest temps we will have for the rest of the year and we need to take advantage of them.

Rates:

3-way – 3 to 4 oz Dropp, ~12 oz Folex (or your preferred PPO), 42 oz Prep

6.4 – 8 oz Ginstar + 42 oz Prep

I like having dropp in the tank, I think it makes the whole mix better. Its efficacy drops off once temps get below 60, so this will likely be the last week we use it a whole bunch. I'd be hanging around 12 oz of Folex, give or take a little based on the situation. And I still like Ginstar since it's in the low 80s most days.

Take home message – Keep an eye on the late crop/bolls you are trying to open. We'll learn a lot early in the week on the status of the crop.

For anyone who wants more info on a freeze (friends in N GA) or frost, below is a link to a blog post written by Seth Byrd a year ago: <https://news.utcrots.com/2021/11/dr-seth-byrd-cotton-outlook-after-a-freeze-event/>

2023 Beltwide Cotton Conference

The National Cotton Council and its cooperating partners welcome all to the 2023 Beltwide Cotton Conferences January 10 through 12 (Tuesday through Thursday) at the New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, LA. Three days of individual reports, panel discussions, hands on workshops and seminars are designed to provide attendees with information they need to help producers make key cotton production/marketing-related decisions. A dynamic program, along with the opportunity to network with peers from across the Cotton Belt, separate this conference from all others in agriculture. This conference will be educational, as well as enjoyable. Come, learn and experience all the sites and attractions that New Orleans has to offer. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. The website for more information is <https://www.cotton.org/beltwide/>.

Peanut Pod Cast

Here is the link to the latest Peanut Pod Cast. You should be able access all of the previous pod casts also.

Anchor: <https://anchor.fm/macie-wheeler1/episodes/Episode-5---October-Frost--Grade-and-Yield-Decline-e1pj4c6>

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/3JSXq7ZTzhTVPUfUD8YxwR>

Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/all-about-the-pod/id1638194766>

Georgia Peanut Farm Show

Make plans to attend the 46th annual Georgia Peanut Farm Show and Conference scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the University of Georgia Tifton Campus Conference Center in Tifton, Georgia. The one-day show is free and open to all farmers and industry representatives to attend. Visit with nearly 100 agribusinesses and organizations in the peanut and

agricultural industry, earn private and commercial pesticide applicator credits, as well as learn about cutting-edge research and developments during the University of Georgia Peanut Production Seminar and industry-wide sponsored Peanut Seed Seminar. Farm Show chairman Rodney Dawson is looking forward to the 2023 show. “I encourage farmers to attend this one-day show in Tifton,” Dawson says. “The knowledge they will gain from industry representatives and seminars is an investment in the future of their farm.” The Georgia Peanut Commission, in cooperation with OneBlood, will host a blood drive from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19. At the close of Thursday, there will be nearly \$10,000 in door prizes presented to farmers, as well as a Grand Door Prize, vendor products, certificates and equipment. For more information on the show, contact the Georgia Peanut Commission office at 229-386-3470 or visit <https://gapeanuts.com/>.



Looking for shooting stars early morning last week – the brightest dot is Mars. The light haze is the Milky Way. I didn't see any with my eyes but the camera caught several.

As always for more information contact your Irwin County Extension Office.

*Thank You, God Bless You,
Phillip Edwards - Irwin County Agent*



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