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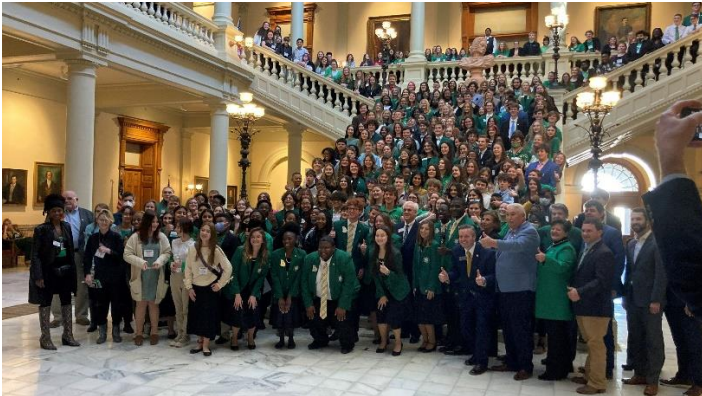
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Recent/Upcoming



Yesterday was 4-H Day at the Capitol – Thank you to Senator Harper, Representative Pirkle and Representative Dominic LaRiccia for visiting with our 4-H members



Georgia 4-H Club group photo at the Capitol

Extension Crop Budget Meeting (photo by Serina Liu)

Meetings/Events – Please call if you have any questions and to sign up for these meetings – WATCH FOR UPDATES, ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS. All of the times are correct.

Meeting/Events	Date	Location
4-H Shotgun Team Parent Meeting	Thu Feb 10, 2022 5:30 pm	Extension Office
Extension Row Crop Disease Meeting	Tue Feb 15, 2022 6:00 pm	Morehead Country Store
Irwin County Junior Market Hog Show	Tue Feb 22, 2022 5:30 pm	Gary Tankersley Livestock Pavilion
Georgia Junior Livestock Show	Feb 23-26, 2022	GA Nat'l Fairgrounds Perry
Extension Cotton Meeting	Mon. Feb. 28, 2022 8:30 am (New Time)	Morehead Country Store
Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale	Wed Mar 2, 2022 12:30	UGA Bull Evaluation Center Irwinville
Extension Pecan Meeting	Tue Mar 8, 2022 8:30 am (New Time)	Morehead Country Store
Better Beef Systems Extravaganza	Tue Apr 5, 2022 8:00 am	UGA Animal Science Farm Tifton

March 2, 2022 64th Annual Sale - Tifton Bull Evaluation Sale Catalog Online



GEORGIA BULL TEST
Tifton

64th Annual Sale

MARCH 2, 2022
UGA Bull Evaluation Center, Irwinville | 12:30 pm

Angus | Hereford | Salers | Simmental | SimAngus

Selling 80 Performance Tested Bulls | LiveAuctionsTV | Genomic Enhanced & Parentage Verified

Catalog and Sale Information:
Dr. Francine Henry | francine.henry@uga.edu | 229-386-3328
Grace Nyhuis | graceny@uga.edu | 229-386-3683
Videos available prior to sale | ugabeef.com

See more information at Georgia Bull Evaluation Centers

<https://beef.caes.uga.edu/programs/georgia-bull-evaluation-centers.html>

Online catalog

https://issuu.com/ugabullevaluation/docs/64_tifton_bull_catalog_web

Better Beef Systems Extravaganza "A Beef and Forage Field Day"

Sponsored by the Georgia Commodity Commission for Beef

Event Date: Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

Location: UGA Animal Science Farm, Tifton

Online Registration at

https://estore.uga.edu/C27063_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=487&SINGLESTORE=true

Topics Covered

- Sustainability in Beef Production Systems
- Feeding cattle in Georgia
- Alfalfa in the South
- Precision Agriculture in Hay Fields
- Bull Development
- Management Strategies
- And more!



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SHOWCASING:
#BetterBeef #BetterGrazing #BetterBurps
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UGA Tifton Animal Science Farm

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Registration fee: \$20 (lunch and refreshments included)

For registration and more information contact your local extension office, Dr. Francine Henry (229-386-3328 - francine.henry@uga.edu), or visit beef.commoditycommission.com

Southern Ag Today

Extension economists from Southern Land Grant Universities launched a new effort of a newsletter, "Southern Ag Today." We

publish the latest news in agriculture and specifically provide insight targeting southern agricultural producers. If you want to sign up for the Southern Ag Today, attached is the barcode for signing up.

Many of you have questions about ARC/PLC selection in row crop producers and its implications for crop insurance. Below is a publication from Dr. Fisher about his insight in ARC and PLC selection and crop insurance choices like STAX, SCO, and ECO.

2022 Farm Safety Net Decisions For the 2022 crop year, producers will have several decisions to make over the next few months. For example, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced that producers will have until March 15, 2022, to make their Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) elections and enrollments for the 2022 crop year. In addition, many of the sales closing dates for crop insurance for spring-planted crops are rapidly approaching. For the ARC-County (ARC-CO) and PLC decision, the Agricultural &

Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M University provides a decision tool to evaluate the trade-offs between the two programs on



a crop-by-crop and farm-by-farm basis. AFPC also offers a spreadsheet calculator for producers who are considering ARC-Individual (ARC-IC). Given the current price outlook – where producers may expect to receive little (or no) assistance from ARC and PLC – it arguably makes the crop insurance coverage decisions even more important. To that end, we offer the following “rules of thumb” for you to consider as you make farm safety net decisions for the 2022 crop year:

- Similar to the 2021 crop year, ARC and PLC are less likely to pay. That’s okay! Most producers tell us they would rather get their income from the market than the government anyway.
- Rather than focusing on expected ARC/PLC payments (when neither may trigger), consider instead where you are most vulnerable. Is it lower prices due to trade disruptions or slow economic recovery? Is it lower yields due to persistent drought?
- Talk to your crop insurance agent to make sure you’ve evaluated all yield enhancement options (e.g., Yield Exclusion) and unit structures.
- With current price elections on crop insurance, perhaps now is the time to focus more on adding area-wide tools like the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX) for upland cotton, the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), and the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO).
 - o You can have STAX on a farm if the seed cotton base on the farm is not enrolled in ARC/PLC.
 - o You can purchase SCO for a crop on a farm as long as it’s not enrolled in ARC.
 - o You can purchase ECO on the farm regardless of ARC/PLC enrollment.
- At a minimum, on farms with little (or no) seed cotton base, be sure to take a close look at area-wide policies like STAX.
- If your APH is relatively higher than the county average yields, then be sure to compare STAX against both SCO and ECO. Because of the 10% limitation in ARC, you may find SCO to be a more attractive alternative (and PLC can be utilized as well, providing some downside price protection, even if you do not expect to need it).

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TM Hobbs Irwin County High Peanut Yield Award and Georgia Peanut Achievement Club

There are two awards the TM Hobbs Irwin County High Yield Peanut Award and the Georgia Peanut Achievement Club Award and our peanut farmers are encouraged to apply. Peanut farmers please take a look at your peanut total acres, total yield and begin getting this information together. We are early in this process but we will be ready to get to work assisting you with these applications. Please consider applying for the GA Peanut Achievement Club. From these award applications we will also recognize the high winner in the county and they will be named the TM Hobbs High Yield Peanut Award winner. There is no acre requirement for the TM Hobbs Award. You will need to have a copy of the FSA 578 form showing all your peanut acres and also get all of your weight tickets. Come to our office and we will assist you with this application. Fifteen winners will be chosen for the GA Peanut Achievement Club. One statewide winner in each of the three acreage categories (100-299.9 acres), 300-699.9 acres), and (700 or more acres). There will also be one district winner from each of the four districts in each of these categories (100-299.9 acres), 300-699.9 acres), and (700 or more acres). In the first two categories, you need to average 4000 pounds per acre or more. If you are in the third category (700 acres and above) you will need to average 3500 pounds per acre or more. Take a look at your total acres, yield, and please consider applying. We have had numerous winners from Irwin County in years past. Our most recent winners of this award were Chip Dorminy and Bucky Tyler.



Farm Press Peanut Efficiency Award

Peanut growers who consistently produce high-yielding, high-quality crops are deserving of special recognition. Farm Press, in cooperation with the Southern Peanut Growers Conference, has established the Peanut Efficiency Award. Farm Press will present Peanut Efficiency Awards to growers in three major U.S. peanut producing regions. Awards will be based on production efficiency, honoring those growers who produce the highest yields at the lowest cost per acre. Four regional winners are honored and if you’re interested you will be in the Lower Southeast Region. Armond Morris was the regional recipient of this award in 2021.

Register for Flavor of Georgia 2022 Today!

Here are some things to keep in mind!

- Registration is a two-step process this year.
- After using the link to register and pay, you will receive a confirmation email with important information including a link to register your products.

- Remember to fill out a registration form for each one of your products.
- Review the Rules and Regulations for the contest before registering!

Here are some important dates:

February 15 – Registration closes at 5pm

March 7-9 are the ONLY dates that product entries will be received by mail.

March 9 – ONLY in-person drop off day, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

March 16 – Finalists announced by email

March 18 - (9:00 am) Webinar with details for final judging in Athens (finalist only)

March 25 – Finalist deadline to RSVP as finalist

April 21 – Final round of judging in Athens (mandatory), winners announced at award ceremony by 6:00 pm



Register here <https://gail.uga.edu/2022-uga-flavor-of-georgia>

For more information or questions email us at flavorofga@uga.edu or visit flavorofgeorgia.caes.uga.edu

Important Links and Information

- **2022 UGA Corn Production Guide (NEW)** <https://grains.caes.uga.edu/content/dam/caes-subsite/grains/docs/corn/2022-Corn-Production-Guide.pdf>
- See link for 2022 crop budget information - <https://agecon.uga.edu/extension/budgets.html>
- UGA Statewide Variety Trial Link <https://swvt.uga.edu/>
- UGA Irwin County Extension Webpage <https://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/irwin.html>
- Irwin County Extension Agriculture Newsletters – you can find all of our past newsletters by clicking on the link below. <https://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/irwin/agriculture-and-natural-resources/newsletters.html>
- Georgia Forages YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL6DgfaB8V2DRnGxzEBxU3w>

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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