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We look forward to hosting you at the annual Sunbelt Ag Expo Field Day on Thursday, July 14, 2016.

Guests can see demonstration plots, which contain the latest cutting edge research, and visit with industry and university researchers to get up-to-date information on topics such as new seed varieties, irrigation, crop protection, soil fertility, forages and precision agriculture.

Come and get a sneak preview of what you will see at the 39th annual show October 18-20.

We work with our industry and university partners to conduct agronomic research that addresses real life challenges that farmers face on a daily basis.

All of our research is done in collaboration with farmers, industry and universities in order to determine the best approach – economically, environmentally and socially – for the challenges that confront Southeast farm-

ers. Anyone attending our field day will take away useful information on a variety of topics that they can apply to their operation back home and improve their bottom line.

Field Day is free and open to those involved in agriculture and agribusiness. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., followed by a complimentary biscuit breakfast, exhibit viewing and welcome from Georgia Department of Agriculture and Georgia Farm Bureau.

You'll have a chance to win some great door prizes, as well as receive a free Expo cap. The trams will depart for the field tour at 8:00 a.m. sharp and return by 12 noon. A BBQ sandwich lunch will be provided by Ameris Bank.

Come see us on July 14 as we highlight the latest agronomic research at the 2016 Sunbelt Ag Expo Field Day.

Sincerely,



Executive Director
Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AGRIBUSINESS BUILDING #1

- 7:15 a.m..... Biscuit breakfast, door prize registration, static exhibits
- 8:00 a.m..... Trams depart for field tours
- 12 noon..... Trams return. BBQ lunch sponsored by Ameris Bank.
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Every attendee will receive a Sunbelt Ag Expo cap.*

You're invited to join us for Biscuit Breakfast at Expo Field Day

For the fifth year, the Georgia Department of Agriculture and Georgia Farm Bureau will be hosting a complimentary Biscuit and Coffee Breakfast in Agribusiness Building #1. Serving will begin at 7:15 a.m. A variety of static exhibits as well as door prize registration can also be found in this building.

Representatives from both groups will bring short remarks before trams depart for field tours at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

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Education, efficient crop management are key goals of Sunbelt Expo Field Day

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The farm economy is as volatile now as ever, with neither time nor money to waste on unnecessary inputs. In these challenging times, Sunbelt Ag Expo continues its mission to be a premier location for on-farm research and a place that yields information farmers can use to produce their crops more efficiently.

Sunbelt Agricultural Expo Field Day is about the South's top row crops; it's the best time and place to see the latest crop technologies, products, and research in real world farm conditions. And it all can be seen in just half a day.

This year's Ag Field Day is July 14 at the Darrell Williams Research Farm, located at the Expo show site at Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga.

Registration is free for anyone who works in agriculture, and the day starts at 7:15 a.m. with breakfast, followed by quick welcomes and comments from the Georgia Department of Agriculture and Georgia Farm Bureau.

LOAD 'EM UP

Shuttles will be loaded at 8 a.m. to tour the farm. There are 30 stops scheduled, with specific time allotted for each stop. Participants will hear from the industry's top consultants and specialists from the region. Farm Credit will provide water for the stops during the tour.

"We plan our field day to be like no other in the region," says Michael Chafin, who manages the Sunbelt Expo farm. "There is

really no other event where so many leading agricultural experts can be visited, or where our presenters can speak with farmers in such a convenient way.

"Hey, the field day is in July, and we know it can be tough to get away from the farm. We understand, because we have to get that same work done, too, on this farm. But we work to make the field day experience worth our guests' time and effort to be here."

BBQ LUNCH

The tours will end by noon. Ameris Bank will provide lunch for those who want a bite to eat before leaving or who wish to stay longer to talk with the sponsors and company representatives who will have booths where the shuttles unload passengers.

And there will be door prizes!

"Again this year, as has been the case for many years, we're focusing on our core agronomic crops for the field day," Chafin says. They are corn, cotton, soybeans, and peanuts, the backbone of most Southeast cropping farms.

University of Georgia researchers and Extension specialists conduct numerous trials at the Sunbelt farm for all major southern agronomic crops. UGA Cooperative Extension specialists for cotton, soybeans, and peanuts will be at the field day to talk strategies for better utilization of fertility, management of diseases

and pests, and the best varieties to use when and where on a farm.

"Inputs — you have to have them, and they cost time and money to apply," Chafin says. "But you really can't afford to skimp on them, especially in our region, or disease, insects, weeds, or weather will eat you up.

In-the-field tours let you see firsthand how varieties and systems perform. Talk one-on-one with Southeast specialists and company reps.

“But what a grower can do — and what the experts who conduct research here have done — is to find ways to more precisely use and time inputs in order to make the highest quality yields ... and try not to go broke doing it”

Well-timed fungicide applications for corn and soybeans have proven to protect yields at the Expo farm, Chafin says, and specialists will be on hand to talk about what works best.

RESISTANCE CHALLENGES

Herbicide resistance continues to be a major focus for the region's cotton growers. UGA weed specialists company representatives will discuss management strategies for dealing with the situation today, plus offer a look at what's in the pipeline to help growers win the battle against hard-to-control weeds.

Monsanto will feature their DeKalb corn varieties. Pioneer will have popular corn varieties, often used by high-yield winners, on display. Syngenta will have their Norfolk King corn hybrids developed for the Southeast. Mycogen Seed will have corn and soybean varieties for inspection. And WinField will showcase its Croplan corn and soybean varieties bred for the Southeast.

Fertilizer tests are being conducted on



corn and most other crops being grown on the Expo farm. Maximizing plant nutrient use is always a top priority for growers who want the most from their variety choices.

TOP COTTON VARIETIES

The top-performing varieties, based on annual official variety tests across the Southeast, will be discussed by representatives from the various companies that provide cotton seed and technology in the Southeast.

Bayer, with FiberMax and Stoneville varieties, will show and discuss new Liberty technology.

The Expo Farm is a part of Monsanto/Deltapine's New Product Evaluator program, and the same varieties being grown by 200 or so farmers across the cotton belt will be shown during the field day.

Americot has developed new varieties that have performed well in OVT testing in the Southeast, and the company is making a push to increase market share in the region. Several of their new varieties will be on display at the field day.

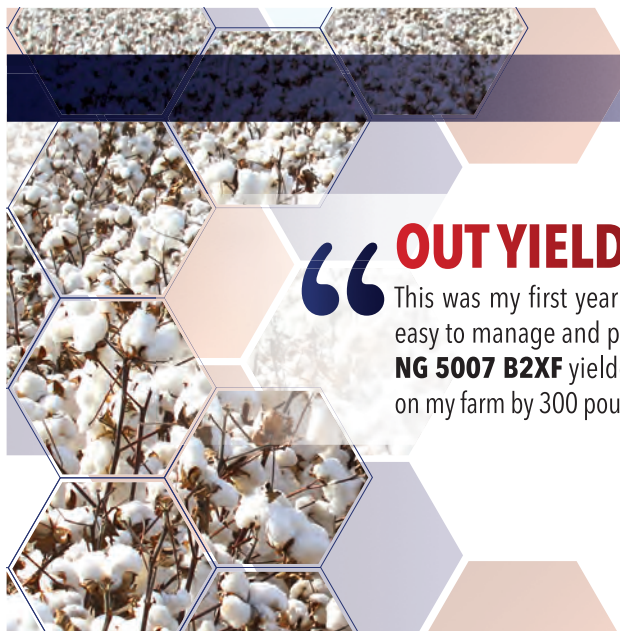
Dow's PhytoGen brand cotton has made a big push in the Southeast in recent years, and several of the PhytoGen varieties will be shown.

SOYBEAN TRIALS

The Expo farm has several large-plot soybean OVT variety trials each year. Chafin says Monsanto and their Asgrow brand soybean seeds will be planted, and company representatives will discuss soybean production in the Southeast.

Pioneer will have some of their soybean varieties in the test program at the Expo Farm. The company's Y series has shown promise in recent years for enhanced pest resistance and adaptability to a number of yield-limiting factors common in the Southeast.

DeWitt, an Arkansas-based company now with Bayer, will also have soybean varieties on the Expo farm.

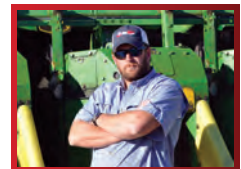


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Expo Field Day: See what's new and important for the Southeast

The Sunbelt Ag Expo summer field day is once again upon us. I know each and every one of you is, or has been, hard at work putting in this year's crops. I hope that all has gone well so far.

This year's field day will be much like the past few, but with several key differences. We want to extend an invitation to you, and anyone on your farm who may benefit from the speakers who will be presenting that day.

This year's tour will include the Southeast's leading ag companies and educational institutions, bringing you an unmatched set of presentations in an on-farm tour. The tour will provide you with the latest in agricultural technologies, products, and services.

We here on the Expo farm have expanded our UGA research plots to also include a very interesting watermelon irrigation study that may be of some value to some of our cucurbit growers. We have also been chosen to be this year's Colquitt County site for



the annual UGA County on-farm variety trial. We always hear the data presented at our production meetings, but now is your chance to see it up close and hear from the specialists on how these plots work.

As we approach an expected launch by several companies of new herbicide technologies and the awaited EPA deregulation of these products, we want

you to be able to hear from both the university researchers and the companies themselves about the timelines and product availability.

We know that with the present low commodity prices, every dollar counts. Please make plans to attend our annual Summer Field Day event July 14 — and bring a friend or neighbor!

Michael Chafin
Sunbelt Ag Expo Farm Manager

Wise fungicide use helps avoid resistance

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Farmers today have access to some of the best pesticide and fungicide products ever.

Consistent, quality yields depend on using them. And the continued viability of these products depends on everyone.

“Resistance to chemistries is something farmers are keenly aware of, and there is an ongoing effort to avoid or postpone its development,” says Michael Chafin, farm manager for the Darrell Williams Research Farm at the Sunbelt Ag Expo.

“We know the cost of losing a product because of resistance. It can be devastating. And we don’t know if, or when, we will get new chemistries to use on the farm — or with current regulatory scrutiny, if we will get to keep using products we have now.”

Fungicide use is increasingly common in corn, soybeans, and even cotton in the Southeast. Most of the fungicides used belong to a few at-risk classes.

Fungicides such as azoxystrobin and tebuconazole are available as generic products, which can lead to reduced cost for growers, but can also lead to overuse and resistance, says Bob Kemerait, University of Georgia Extension plant pathologist.

“Our yield expectations are much greater than they were 16 years ago. We have new diseases in Georgia, and we have improved fungicides that better manage diseases and at lower use-rates.

“But, it’s becoming difficult to bring new classes of fungicides to growers,” Kemerait says. “And that’s why the efficacy of fungicides in the strobilurin, triazole, SDHI, and benzimidazole classes has never been more critical.”

RESISTANCE AVOIDANCE MEASURES

To minimize early development of fungicide resistance, he says:

- Always use at-risk fungicides in combination with chemically unrelated fungicides, which are preferably at low risk for resistance. This can be achieved by alternating applications of fungicides and by incorporating tank-mixes of unrelated fungicides. Insure that fungicides belong to unrelated classes by comparing the FRAC codes on the label.

- Restrict the number of fungicide applications and/or total amount applied per season, and apply fungicides only when necessary.

- Maintain the manufacturers’ recommended application rates.

- Fungicides are most effective when

applied before infection has occurred.

- Use crop rotation and disease-resistant varieties to reduce the immediate need of fungicides.

- Maintain chemical diversity in a disease management program.

Herbicide resistance has become the most challenging problem facing agriculture in many parts of the country, especially in the South, where glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth was documented 10 years ago. Since then, farmers, industry, and Extension programs have been playing catch-up.

There has been no new herbicide chemistry developed in more than 20 years, and farmers should not expect any new chemistry, says Stanley Culpepper, UGA Extension weed specialist.

The current regulatory scrutiny and the hundreds of millions of dollars it would cost to bring a new chemistry to market makes the chances of any new chemistry virtually zero.

“It seems pretty smart to protect the herbicide chemistry we have today, by making wise decisions and implementing diversified herbicide modes of action into an integrated program that uses cover crops, tillage, and/or hand weeding,” Culpepper says.



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Forage crop research a key emphasis for Sunbelt Expo demonstration farm

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Forage acres are expanding in the Southeast, and more producers are interested in making higher quality hay. The Sunbelt Ag Expo farm is a premier location for forage crop research and demonstrations in the region.

Hay acreage is seeing “a considerable amount of growth,” says Dennis Hancock, University of Georgia Extension forage specialist, who conducts forage research across Georgia and the region, and also for many years at the Sunbelt Ag Expo Darrell Williams Research Farm.

“We’ve had a number of acres that have gone into forage crops in the past couple of years,” he says, “due to commodity prices being lower and cattle and dairy industries generally a little bit stronger, especially when compared to recent commodity prices.”

“The forage-based livestock industry is a crucial part of the agricultural economy in the Southeast. In fact, forage crops are grown on more acres in the region than all other agronomic crops combined.



REALLY GOOD FORAGE

“Our friends at the Sunbelt Ag Expo have done an amazing job highlighting forage crops over the years,” Hancock says. “Most notably, they have welcomed agribusinesses, scientists, and Extension personnel from all across the Southeast to conduct research, demonstration and Extension programs.

“We can grow really good forage in Southeast,” says Michael Chafin, manager of the Sunbelt Expo farm, “and many producers do. But we are also learning, thanks to the work of Dr. Hancock and the many others who do work on the farm, what can be done to improve production in our area.”

At the Expo farm, trials are conducted on a large scale for many varieties of bermudagrass, perennial peanuts, and alfalfa before they are promoted to the public.

Producers can see the forage research firsthand and hear the data and strategies for growing forage better at the Sunbelt Ag Expo Field Day and again during the Sunbelt Ag Expo main show Oct. 18-20.

PROMOTING NEW VARIETIES

“Expo has been especially instrumental in our efforts to promote new varieties of alfalfa that are adapted to the Deep South,” Hancock says.

“Alfalfa demonstrations at the Expo began in 2005. In the years since, our experiences with interseeding alfalfa into bermudagrass at the Expo have been cited thousands of times as evidence that, yes, alfalfa will grow in the South!”

At the Expo farm, Hancock has researched and demonstrated a locally-produced, nitrogen fertilizer product from R.W. Griffin Industries. “We have conducted multiple years of research across Georgia, and have shown how their 18-0-0-3 19E blend is an economical liquid N

fertilizer, equal in every way to ammonium nitrate and superior to urea,” Hancock says.

Work is getting started at the Expo Farm to establish what he calls a “variety garden,” which will be used to showcase the advantages and disadvantages of six of the most-popular hybrids.

In the effort to learn more about weed control, bipolaris leaf spot, and stem maggot control in bermudagrass, Hancock says, numerous trials are conducted on herbicide, fungicide, and insecticide screens.

SOUTHEASTERN HAY CONTEST

He says the Southeastern Hay Contest, sponsored by Massey Ferguson, is one of the biggest Extension programs for hay in the region, and Expo is a vital partner in the effort.

“Since 2004, the Sunbelt Ag Expo has welcomed our team of forage scientists in our efforts to educate hay and baleage producers about forage quality through the hay contest.

“In addition to taking home bragging rights for having the best forage quality, contest participants have the opportunity to take home cash prizes or even a brand new disc mower or rotary rake from Massey Ferguson,” Hancock says.

“Forage scientists and Extension personnel from across the Southeast have no better ally in their educational efforts than our friends at the Sunbelt Ag Expo.

“They have graciously hosted our Southeast Hay Convention, the Deep South Stocker Conference, the Georgia Grazing School, the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Grazing Conference, and numerous other events.

“They are great partners in our efforts to educate our farmers and growers about the latest forage management practices,” Hancock says.

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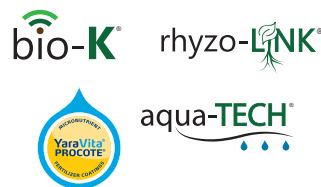
good management; 2C797 (113 RM), with high yield performance and good agronomics, makes it a good choice across the Southeast; and 2D848 (118 RM), which is a widely-adapted southern hybrid with good agronomics and stress tolerance to deliver high yields on your better acres. Included will be a Roundup Ready hybrid, 2Y744 (113RM), that is very high yielding and has solid agronomics and stress tolerance. Also included are two new experimental Mycogen hybrids, 12G36 and 13M87 with SmartStax multi-event technology. Several **Mycogen soybean varieties** will be featured: 5N479R2 (4.7 RM), which is broadly adapted across many soil types; SN501R2 (5.0 RM), a tall plant with excellent standability; and 5N550R2 (5.4 RM), a determinant variety, resistant to root-knot nematode, with good emergence, strong vigor, and a great defensive package to protect yield potential. Thank you for attending the Sunbelt Expo Field Day and please talk with our reps during your visit. Please ask them about our regional Diamond Showcase grower events to be held this summer.

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FLINT RIVER PARTNERSHIP/CERTIFIED AG RESOURCES, INC. will showcase remote soil moisture monitoring. This moisture sensing technology is currently deployed on working farms throughout Southwest Georgia and is available across Georgia through the USDA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The demonstration of these technologies at Sunbelt this year are again made possible in part through funding support from The Coca-Cola Company, Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District, and The Nature Conservancy. The moisture sensors are cutting edge technology used to improve the efficiency of irrigation water use. Remote soil moisture monitoring (RSMM) improves efficiency by identifying precise periods of time in which a farmer can irrigate less by using objective field data such as soil moisture, soil temperature, crop growth stage and localized ET.

GEORGIA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION will highlight its Agriculture Water Conservation Program during Field Day, in support of Georgia's 40 Soil and Water Conservation Districts that assist landown-

ers in developing their soil and water resources. The field presentation will focus on our Ag Water Meter program that includes installation, inspection, and maintenance of meters installed on agricultural irrigation systems in Georgia. GSWCC also collects data from these meters that assists policymakers in better understanding agricultural water use in the state and helps farmers improve the efficiency of their water resources. In addition, GSWCC will describe how our Mobile Irrigation Lab helps farmers' irrigation systems apply water more effectively. GSWCC website is <http://gaswcc.georgia.gov>

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UGA FORAGE SPECIALIST — This demonstration site will highlight UGA and USDA-ARS research with forage bermudagrass, including the new "bermudagrass variety garden," which will illustrate the advantages and disadvantages of six of the most popular hybrids. Also at this site, a brief summary of the bermudagrass stem maggot research will be presented, including a discussion of varietal differences in BSM tolerance and insect control options. We also will share the results of our research on a locally produced, liquid nitrogen fertilizer product from R.W. Griffin Industries, LLC, which has proven that their 18-0-0-3 19E blend is an economical and effective N source.

UGA PEANUT TEAM is conducting a trial at the Sunbelt Expo's Darrell Williams Research Farm to determine effectiveness of a plant growth regulator (Apogee) on the current peanut cultivars commercially available. Research since the mid 2000's has shown that Apogee can effectively reduce fine growth and increase yield in Virginia-Type peanut cultivars. However, responses in runner-type peanuts have not been as positive, especially in slow growing runner cultivars. In these cultivars, vine growth was slowed but at the cost of some yield

potential. Over the past few years, many new runner-type peanut cultivars have been released that have increased vine growth causing a renewed interest for evaluating Apogee again. Therefore, the Cultivar trial in 2016 is evaluating the response of ten cultivars in single-row pattern to applications of Apogee. In a hope to lessen the negative impact on yield a reduced rate of Apogee is being evaluated. The cultivars are: Georgia-06G, Georgia-09B, Georgia-12Y, Georgia-13M, Georgia-14N, Georgia-07W, FloRun '107; FloRun '157, TUFRunner '297; and TUFRunner '511. The "Cultivar by Apogee Trial" is set up in a split plot design, with the main plot as Apogee treatment, and the sub-plot as Cultivar. Each plot is two rows (6 feet wide) by approximately 400 feet long and there are three replications of each treatment (Apogee treatment by cultivar). The trial was planted on May 6. Data to be collected will be plant growth, yield, grade, TSWV, and other disease ratings.

UGA WEED SCIENCE demonstration sites will showcase cotton cultivars with tolerance to 2,4-D or dicamba that are nearing commercialization. Efforts are under way to define the most effective weed management systems, while better understanding the potential for off-target movement of these herbicides. Additional efforts include using cover crops such as rye and crimson clover to improve weed management and cotton production.

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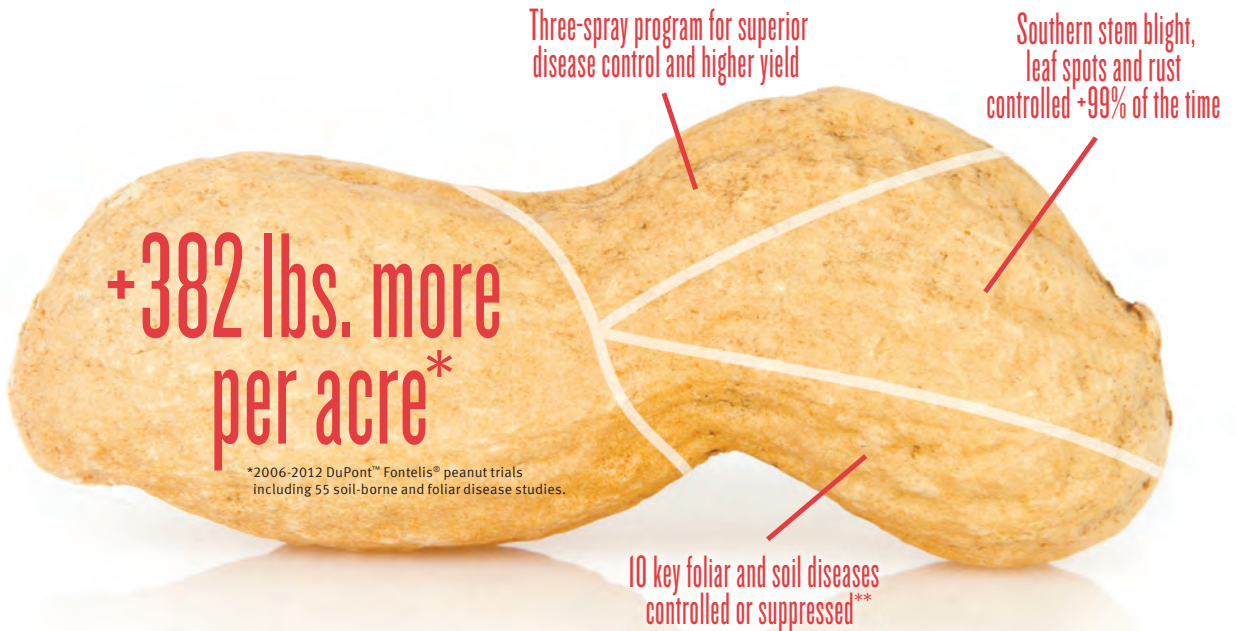
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