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## IRWIN COUNTY EXTENSION AGRICULTURE NEWS – Tues, Jan. 25, 2012

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**IRRIGATION MEETING IS FRIDAY FEB. 3, 2012 at 12:00 NOON AT THE CASE FARM – CALVIN PERRY WITH THE UGA STRIPLING**

**IRRIGATION RESEARCH PARK WILL BE OUR FEATURED SPEAKER – MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND**

**COTTON PRODUCTION MEETING TUESDAY FEB 7, 2012 8:00 AM – COME EARLY AND EAT BREAKFAST – SPEAKERS ARE GUY COLLINS, GLEN HARRIS AND CHANGYING LI**

### Upcoming County Extension and Area Meetings – NOTE ADDITIONS

PLEASE GO AHEAD AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS (PUT THIS ON THE REFRIGERATOR IF YOU WILL AS A REMINDER) AND PLAN TO ATTEND. **PLEASE CALL THE IRWIN EXTENSION OFFICE AT (229) 468-7409 IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING. FOR THE MEETINGS IN BOLD PLEASE CALL IN 3-4 DAYS AHEAD, SO WE CAN MAKE MEAL PLANS.** *Pesticide Credits and CCA Credits are available at meetings in bold and also others. If you need additional information please call our office.*

MEETING	WHEN	WHERE
International Poultry Expo	Jan 24-26, 2012	Georgia World Congress Center
GA Watermelon Association Meeting	Jan. 26-28, 2012	Lake Blackshear
Conservation Production Systems Conf.	Jan 31, and Feb 1 , 2012	Hawkinsville (Jan 31), Douglas (Feb1)
Cotton Production Workshop/GA Cotton Commission Annual Mt.	Wed. February 1, 2012	Tifton Campus Conf. Center (RDC)
<b>Irwin County Irrigation Meeting</b>	<b>Fri. Feb. 3, 2012, 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>CASE Farm</b>
<i>Speaker: Calvin Perry</i>		
<b>Irwin/Ben Hill Cotton Meeting</b>	<b>Tues. Feb. 7, 2012, 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Morehead Country Store</b>
<i>Speakers Dr. Guy Collins, Dr. Glenn Harris, Dr. Changying Li</i>		
Irwin Young Farmer Crop Insurance Meeting	Mon. Feb 13, 2012 7 pm	CASE Farm
<b>Irwin/Ben Hill Economic Outlook and Crop Budget</b>	<b>Thur. Feb. 16, 2012, 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Wiregrass Technical College</b>
<i>Speakers: Dr. Amanda Smith, Dr. Nathan Smith, Dr. Don Shurley</i>		
<b>Irwin/Ben Hill Weed Management Meeting</b>	<b>Tues. Feb 28, 2012, 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Morehead Country Store</b>
<i>Speakers: Dr. Stanley Culpepper, Dr. Eric Prostko</i>		
Irwin County Young Farmers Meeting	Tuesday Mar.6, 2012	ICHS Cafeteria
Beef Cattle Short Course	Tues. Mar. 6, 2012, 8:00 AM	UGA Bull Test Center Irwinville
Bull Sale	Wed. March 7, 2012	UGA Bull Test Center Irwinville
Ben Hill Peanut Meeting	Fri. March 9, 2012 12:00 Noon	To Be Announced
<i>Speakers: Dr. John Beasley, Dr. Bob Kemerait</i>		
<b>Irwin County Peanut Meeting</b>	<b>Tues. Mar. 13, 2012, 7:00 PM</b>	<b>ICHS Cafeteria</b>
<i>Speakers: Dr. John Beasley, David Adams</i>		
<b>Irwin/Ben Hill Pecan Meeting</b>	<b>Thur. March 15, 2012 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Morehead Country Store</b>
<i>Speakers: Jason Brock, Jim Dutcher, Will Hudson, Lenny Wells</i>		
GA Pecan Growers Conference and Trade Show	Mar. 27, 28, 2012	GA National Fairgrounds Perry
<b>Irwin County Disease and Nematode Update Meeting</b>	<b>Thur. March 29, 2012 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Morehead Country Store</b>
<i>Speaker Dr. Bob Kemerait</i>		

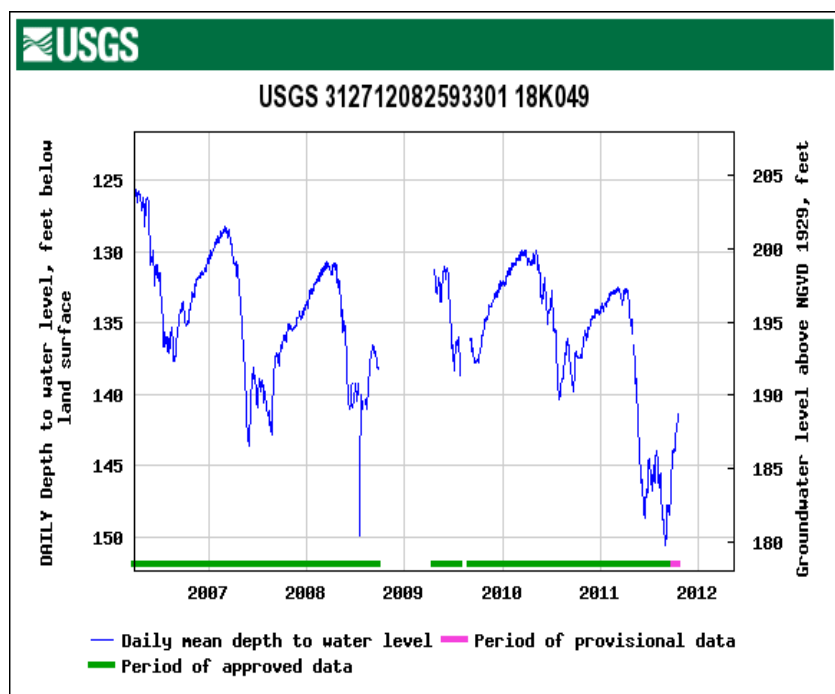
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## Most Recent Water Level from the USGS Test Well in Tifton



**Walk Georgia** Be sure to visit [www.walkgeorgia.org](http://www.walkgeorgia.org) February 1 - March 17 to register for this year's session. Program activity lasts from February 12 - May 5. Walk Georgia is a 12-week program to increase your physical activity in a fun, community-oriented way. You may participate as an individual and track your progress with other individuals in your county and state OR form a team of four to exercise together. The online component of Walk Georgia provides an activity record to keep track of your weekly physical activity and time. The activity that you record is translated into "walked" miles, based on average rigor of the chosen activity and the time you were active. When you accumulate miles, you will be able to navigate a map of Georgia and chart your course to "walk" Georgia. As you move throughout this virtual state, you will be able to view fun facts about each county you visit and learn new ways to improve your health. You will also be able to see how you compare to other individuals throughout the state. We hope you will be inspired to join us and others in your county as we get more active and become healthier! *This program is sponsored through your local Cooperative Extension office. For more information about your county Cooperative Extension office, call 229-468-7409 or 1-800-ASK-UGA1.*

**Peanut and Cotton Yield Info - TM Hobbs Peanut Award and GA Peanut Achievement Club** Each year we recognized our top yield peanut farmer in Irwin County with the TM Hobbs Award. Also we have a great tradition of having an Irwin County peanut farmer recognized at the GA Peanut Achievement Club. Please be figuring you total peanut yield for 2011. **Please contact our office.** We would also like to hear your cotton lint produced per acre.

**Beekeeping Essay Contest** Please visit the Georgia 4-H Beekeeping Essay website for all contest deadlines, rules, and regulations: <http://www.georgia4h.org/beekeeping/>. This year all entries **must be submitted electronically**. The deadline to submit entries will be **Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**; all entries should be emailed to Jenna Daniel ([jbrown10@uga.edu](mailto:jbrown10@uga.edu)).

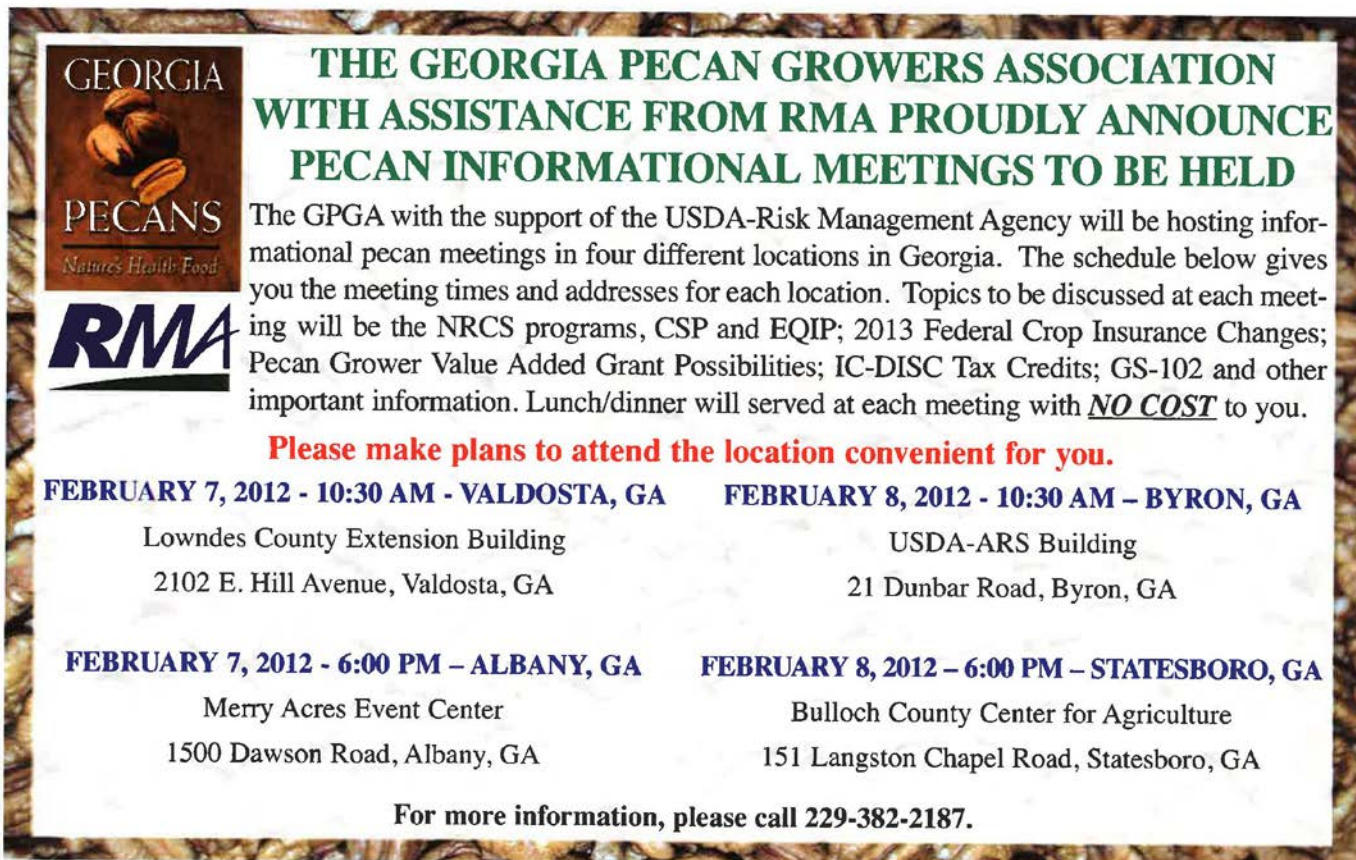
**2012 Flavor of Georgia Contest** Registrations being accepted now for this contest. The deadline for entries is February 10<sup>th</sup>. Register online at: <http://www.flavorofgeorgia.caes.uga.edu> for more information contact Sharon Kane at 706-542-9089 [orspkane@uga.edu](mailto:orspkane@uga.edu)

**Georgia Ag Awareness Day** Tuesday March 13 at the Depot in Atlanta

**4-H BB Team** The 2012 Irwin County 4-H BB Team will be having an informational meeting on Friday January 27, 2012 at 5:30 at the Irwin County Extension Office. 4-H members in grade 5-8 are eligible to participate. Thanks to Andy Paulk (Big Andy) we have a new practice location for our BB Teams this year.

**Irwin County Junior Market Hog Show** Come and watch the Irwin County Junior Market Hog Show to be held Tuesday February 21, 2012 at the Gary C. Tankersley Livestock Pavilion beginning at 5:00 PM.

#### GA Pecan Growers Association Informational Meetings



**GEORGIA PECANS**  
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**THE GEORGIA PECAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION WITH ASSISTANCE FROM RMA PROUDLY ANNOUNCE PECAN INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD**

The GPGA with the support of the USDA-Risk Management Agency will be hosting informational pecan meetings in four different locations in Georgia. The schedule below gives you the meeting times and addresses for each location. Topics to be discussed at each meeting will be the NRCS programs, CSP and EQIP; 2013 Federal Crop Insurance Changes; Pecan Grower Value Added Grant Possibilities; IC-DISC Tax Credits; GS-102 and other important information. Lunch/dinner will served at each meeting with **NO COST** to you.

**Please make plans to attend the location convenient for you.**

<b>FEBRUARY 7, 2012 - 10:30 AM - VALDOSTA, GA</b> Lowndes County Extension Building 2102 E. Hill Avenue, Valdosta, GA	<b>FEBRUARY 8, 2012 - 10:30 AM - BYRON, GA</b> USDA-ARS Building 21 Dunbar Road, Byron, GA
<b>FEBRUARY 7, 2012 - 6:00 PM - ALBANY, GA</b> Merry Acres Event Center 1500 Dawson Road, Albany, GA	<b>FEBRUARY 8, 2012 - 6:00 PM - STATESBORO, GA</b> Bulloch County Center for Agriculture 151 Langston Chapel Road, Statesboro, GA

**For more information, please call 229-382-2187.**

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming production meetings. Please call if I can be of assistance.  
Phillip