

Seminole Crop News

Defoliation

October 21, 2011

There's a lot of cotton that is ready to pick as recent rains have slowed down picking. Also more cotton is being sprayed to take the leaves off and pop open bolls. Here's a brave pilot spraying defoliant on a cotton field. recent windy weather has made spraying very challenging.





Here's a pigweedy cotton field being defoliated. In fields like this we need a good plan for pigweed control next year as there will be millions of seed out there.

[Question of the Week – Red Fox](#)

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Yes, last week I had a photo of a red fox, *Vulpes vulpes*. They are becoming more common to see in south Georgia. Previously we saw mainly the native gray foxes.

The Red Fox was brought in by European settlers. Here is a link below to a good 1 page factsheet about foxes in Georgia, I have an excerpt from it here.

“A furry deep reddish brown to yellowish red animal with a characteristic bushy red tail tipped with white, the red fox weighs between 8-14 pounds, and is 36-45 inches in total length. Sexual maturity occurs at approximately one year of age and the mating season runs from January through February. Following a 53-day gestation period, females give birth to 4-5 pups. Considered monogamous, both male and female work together to raise pups until the pups disperse at about 6 months of age. “

http://www.georgiawildlife.org/sites/default/files/uploads/wildlife/hunting/pdf/Game_Mgmt/Publications/FactSheets/Fox%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf

Here's another shot of the same fox I saw on Fennell Road in southern Seminole County.



This week's question is a test of your being able to see through the natural camouflage to identify what's in the photo I took on the way to a field of late planted corn.



Georgia Peanut Season

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It was a challenging but good peanut season here and most irrigated and some dryland yields are good and we are thankful. Seminole County celebrated the Harvest Festival this past weekend.

Here's Cody Shattles, with his 4-H entry in the Seminole County Harvest Festival Parade, promoting Georgia Grown Peanuts.



Here are some 155 day old dryland peanuts that are just being dug. Notice they split peanuts we sometimes see on stressed dry peanuts and then they get a couple of big rains and the kernel splits the pod.



Here's a good Georgia peanut season recap video with Dr. John Beasley, UGA Peanut Scientist

“In the Field with Brad Haire”, click on the image below to see the video



[Ultra Late Soybeans Field Tour](#)

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On next Thursday, Oct 27, 2011, we will have an ultra late soybeans field tour where we will look at some different varieties of soybeans planted after corn harvest, generally July 23 to August 3rd or so. We will also discuss the ins and outs of late season production of soybeans in south Georgia. We'll meet at the Thompson's Shop on Hebrew road, south of Donalsonville, Georgia at 10:45 am, we'll look at some of the soybeans in the field and travel to look at some on the Mims Farm as well. Then we'll go to our Adult learning center on Friendship Ave in Donalsonville for lunch and for some additional information after lunch. Please let us know if you're coming so we can plan for the meal.



Here are some ultra planted soybeans being watered last week. They look good , if we'll have a few more weeks of good weather they'll yield well.

Later,

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