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Terrell County Production Meetings for 2011

I will continue to list these meeting dates and hope you will place them on your calendars. We expect to receive much new information on varieties for cotton, corn, peanuts, & soybeans, as well as additional information on resistant weed control measures;

CROP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Cotton	January 25	6:00 pm	Governmental Bldg.
Corn	January 27	12:00 am	Governmental Bldg.
Peanut	February 21	12:00 am	Governmental Bldg.
Soybean	March 7	12:00 am	Governmental Bldg.

We will have a meal served at each production meeting. We will ask you closer to the meeting date for you to let us know if you will attend, so we can plan the number of meals to prepare.

Please try to attend as many of these meetings as possible. Our specialists have worked all season to bring you needed information about pests, varieties, and nutrition that will help you plan your production budgets for 2011.

How Much Cotton Does It Take?

Will a rise in the price of cotton paid to farmers really need to change the price of cotton goods to the consumer? Below are a few examples of the estimated amounts of cotton required to make these common consumer items:

Item	
1 Pair of Jeans	1.5 lbs.
1 Man's Shirt	.6 lbs.
1 T-Shirt	.5 lbs.
1 Skirt	.9 lbs
1 Bath Towel	.6 lbs
1 Dress	1.3 lbs
1 Diaper	.15 lbs
1 Blouse	.5 lbs.

So if you figure, just as an example, if price paid goes from 70 cents to 140 cents per pound. Then the cost of the cotton in a pair of jeans would go from 105 cents to 210 cents. So the price of a pair of jeans would rise one dollar and five cents. I think everyone can deal with that and it would be great if the money goes into our farmer"s and community"s pockets.

It may bring on other problems but supply and demand usually work together as Dr. Jones taught us in Ag Econ 101 at ABAC. And I,ve heard Don Shurley say this, "The best cure for high prices is high prices".

Dr. Don Shurley, UGA Extension Ag Economist, says even at \$1 cotton, the farmer"s share in a \$50 pair of blue jeans is only \$1.50. Cotton prices increasing from 65 cents to \$1 adds only 52 ½ cents to the cost of a pair of blue jeans. Everyone in the supply chain from farmer to retailer must make a profit to remain in business but, as is typical for most all products, most of the price the consumer pays consists of costs and profit after the raw product leaves the farm.

Cutting Cost not Corners
Dr. Lawton Stewart
Extension Animal Scientist, UGA

Just as we thought we may be getting out of the hole with drought and soaring input costs, it looks like we're headed back down that road. The extended forecast calls for an unusually warm and dry winter, and feed prices going through the roof. A new Extension publication is now out to help producers evaluate their program and make decisions on how to make adjustments:

"Cutting Cost not Corners: Managing Cattle in Tough Economic Times". Download it from this site or come by the Extension office for a copy.

http://www.caes.uga.edu/Publications/displayHTML.cfm?pk_id=7893

Forage News

Dr. Dennis Hancock, UGA Extension Forages Scientist

'Tis the Season: I have just added a number of early "gifts" on the Extension publications to the GeorgiaForages.com webpage. We mentioned one of those already (the comprehensive, "Cutting Costs, Not Corners" publication). Another addition of note is the new UGA Basic Balancer, a MS Excel spreadsheet that provides a basic ration balancer. Several other additions and changes to the website have been made, too. So, take a break from your Christmas shopping on the internet and visit www.georgiaforages.com to check out the new additions. Click on over to the Publications page (<http://bit.ly/ebupgm>) for a complete list.

Lookin' Forward to a New Year: About this time each year, folks begin to reflect on the events of the past year. Certainly, 2010 was jam packed with great events [Hay Production School, Legume Management Field Day, and two (yes, TWO) Grazing Schools!]. However, 2011 is setting up to be even BIGGER!!! We have some major events in the works for 2011. Today, I announce one of the first (and one of our biggest!). We have finalized the dates and location for the 2011 Hay Production School: March 29-30th, 2011 in Macon at the Georgia Farm Bureau Main Office. Registration will open in late January. Space will be limited, and based on the response to last year's school, you will want to register early to ensure your spot in this "one of a kind" school. Stay tuned to the Upcoming Events page (<http://bit.ly/fw1RoY>) on www.georgiaforages.com for the current list of dates/times/locations

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