

## Upper Gulf Coast Feed Grain and Cotton Production Conference at Crescent – January 24, 2023

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Wharton, Matagorda, Jackson, and Colorado Counties are happy to announce the Upper Gulf Coast Feed Grain and Cotton Conference for **Tuesday, January 24, 2023**. This year's conference will be held in Crescent Hall at the Wharton County Fairgrounds at 6036 FM 961 Road Wharton, Texas 77488. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with our first speaker beginning at 8:30 a.m. The conference will include a catered lunch meal will conclude at 1:45 p.m. 3 CEUs will be awarded to pesticide license holders with the Texas Department of Agriculture (2 IPM, 1 L&R); and 5.0 CEUs for Certified Crop Advisors have been applied for. Thanks to ag industry sponsors, no registration fee will be charged.

The Feed Grain and Cotton conference will address the following topics: **Bollworm Update** - David Kerns, Texas IPM Coordinator; **Boll Weevil Update** – Michael Hester, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; Herbicide Selection; **Rice Stinkbug Update** – Dr. Dalton Ludwick, Extension Entomologist; **2022 Texas Auxin Herbicide Training Dicamba and Enlist Technologies** - Dr. Scott Nolte, Extension Weed Specialist; **Emerging Diseases in Grain and Cotton** -Tom Isakeit, Extension Plant Pathologist; **Cotton Market Update** – John Robinson, Extension Cotton Marketing Specialist; **RACE Trial Update/Current Cotton Research** – Dr. Ben McKnight, Extension Cotton Specialist; **Best Management Practices to Prevent Plastic Contamination in Cotton** – Lauren Krogman, National Cotton Council; and **Grain Market Update** – Yuri Calil, Extension Ag Economist. The annual Auxin training will be a one-hour training for 2023. The Auxin training that is provided as part of the Feed Grain and Cotton Conference will fulfill the annual auxin training requirements for Dicamba and 2,4-D Choline products and will count as the 1 hour of Laws and Regulations CEU.

For more information or for a copy of the conference flyer, go to <http://wharton.agrilife.org>, or contact Stacey at the Wharton County Extension Office at (979) 532-3310, or [stacey.shanks@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:stacey.shanks@ag.tamu.edu). The Planning Committee is asking all attendees to RSVP by **January 20th** so that we can plan the meal accordingly. Because of the increase in the cost of food and catering, we'll need a better idea of how many plates to order. We've made the RSVP process simple. Attendees can call the Wharton County Extension Office to RSVP, click on a pdf file of the Feed Grain and Cotton Conference Flyer, or download the QR code from the flyer.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corrie P. Bowen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Corrie" and last name "Bowen" clearly legible.

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The logo for Texas A&M Agrilife Extension. It features the text "TEXAS A&M" in a dark red, serif font at the top. Below it, the word "AGRILIFE" is written in a large, grey, serif font. At the bottom, the word "EXTENSION" is written in a dark red, bold, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a light yellow background.

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**JAN 24  
2023**

**Crescent Hall—Wharton County Fairgrounds**

Please RSVP by Jan 20, 2023 to Stacey at 979-532-3310

*3 TDA CEUs (2 IPM, 1 L&R) — 5 CCA hours applied for*

- 8:30 a.m. Bollworm Update—David Kerns, Texas IPM Coordinator
- 9:00 a.m. Boll Weevil Update—Michael Hester, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation
- 9:30 a.m. Rice Stinkbug Update—Dr. Dalton Ludwick, Extension Entomologist
- 10:00 a.m. Best Management Practices to Prevent Plastic Contamination in Cotton  
—Lauren Krogman, National Cotton Council
- 10:45 a.m. Groundwater Update—Neil Hudgins, Coastal Bend Groundwater Conservation District
- 11:00 a.m. RACE Trial Update Current Cotton Research—Ben McKnight, Extension Cotton Specialist
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. 2022 Texas Auxin Herbicide Training Dicamba and Enlist Technologies  
—Dr. Scott Nolte, Extension Weed Specialist
- 2:00 p.m. Cotton Market Update—John Robinson, Extension Cotton Market Specialist
- 2:30 p.m. Grain Market Update—Yuri Calil, Extension Ag Economist
- 3:00 p.m. Emerging Diseases in Grain and Cotton—Tom Isakeit, Extension Plant Pathologist
- 3:30 p.m. ADJOURN



**Please help us plan accordingly**  
**and CLICK HERE to RSVP or**  
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