This is the last edition of the cotton newsletter for the year 2011. The purpose of our newsletter is to present relevant information and news items for New Mexico growers and other stakeholders in the cotton industry within the State.

The year has been a challenging year for agriculture in New Mexico. There was excessive heat during the mid-season, which necessitated more irrigations than usual. Unfortunately, enough water was not available in some places for extra irrigation. Many producers in the State were affected by drought. However, where there was enough water, cotton performed very well. In this edition, statistics on cotton production and cotton prices are presented in Tables 1-3. With cotton prices still looking good, it is expected that the surge in cotton production in NM will hold steady for the coming year.

We want to use this opportunity to wish all our cotton growers and stakeholders in New Mexico a wonderful festive season and a happy new year.

Please feel free to send your comments, information and contributions to John Idowu (email: jidowu@nmsu.edu; phone: 575-646-2571). If you are interested in previous editions of the Cotton Newsletter, please feel free to download at http://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/iproduction.html
NM Cotton Growers Association Meeting for 2012 - Registration

The New Mexico Cotton Growers Association meeting will be coming up on January 25th, 2012 from 8:00am to 4:30pm at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso, NM.

Two CEU’s are available.

Program highlights during the conference will include:

- *Salinity and water management in cotton*
- *Cotton economic prospects for 2012*
- *Cotton variety trials in New Mexico and Texas*
- *Weed control in cotton production systems*
- *Cotton growth regulators*
- *Current updates on products from the industry*

A registration form is attached to this newsletter. Please complete and mail the registration no later than January 18th to help us plan for lunch. Registration Fee is $25 per person.

Send completed registration to:

Joe Friesen
1946 S. Valley Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88005
New Mexico Cotton Growers Association
2012 Annual Cotton Conference
January 25, 2012
Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso, NM

Name________________________________________________________

Company_____________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________________

City________________________________State_________________________Zip________

Phone_________________________ Cell (optional)_________________________

Email Address________________________________________________________________

Would you like to present a short industry update or have a table-top display?__________

Registration by January 18th is appreciated to guarantee numbers for lunch.
Cost is $25.00 per person

There will be some room for table-top displays for industry representatives around the conference and break room. No cost for displays but we ask that you provide one door prize for drawings during the meeting.

If you would like to sponsor one of the two coffee breaks or the lunch or provide additional door prizes, please let us know in the space below.

Total Registration Due: ____________  Total Sponsorship Due:_______________

Please make checks payable to: New Mexico Cotton Growers
New Mexico Cotton Growers
Attn: Joe Friesen
1946 S. Valley Drive
Las Cruces, NM  88005
### Table 1. U.S. Cotton Crop, 2010-11

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<th>PLANTED ACRES Thou.</th>
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Source: USDA-NASS May Crop Production Report.

### Table 2. Prospective 2011 U.S. Cotton Plantings

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1/USDA-NASS.
2/USDA-NASS Prospective Plantings Report.
3/NCC Planting Intentions Survey.
Table 3. Cotton Prices

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Source: National Cotton Council of America

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