



### Cotton Newsletter, December 2012, Volume 3, Number 3

Most cotton fields in the State have now been harvested. The yield for this season is expected to be typical for an average cotton year. Last year was very tough due to water unavailability and extreme temperatures that were experienced in many cotton growing areas of New Mexico. However, this year, the water situation improved slightly, although the drought condition still persists. For example, in the Dona Ana County, which is a one of the main cotton growing county in NM, irrigation water allotment last year was 4 inches. But this year, farmer got up to 10 inches of water, which is a great help for many growers.

From farmers' perspective, Pima cotton this year looked better than the upland varieties. Pima cotton appears to have had more bolls retained relative to the upland varieties. The heat and dryness still caused a lot of fruit drop in the upland varieties, and this prevented a possible above average performance.

Insect and disease pressure were very light this year.

Please, send your comments and contributions to John Idowu (email: [jidowu@nmsu.edu](mailto:jidowu@nmsu.edu); phone: 575-646-2571). Previous editions of the Cotton Newsletter are posted on <http://aces.nmsu.edu/ces/ifcpm/cotton-production.html>

#### NM Cotton Growers Association Conference for 2013 - Registration

The New Mexico Cotton Growers Association Conference will be coming up on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 from 8:00am till 3:30pm at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso, NM.

#### **The Cotton Conference will be coming up a day before the Hay Association Meeting**

Program highlights for the NM Cotton Conference include:

- ❖ *Irrigating Cotton and Salinity Management*
- ❖ *Current Economic Trends in Cotton*
- ❖ *Variety and Planting Date Trial Report*
- ❖ *Insect Management in Cotton*
- ❖ *Cotton Breeding Update*
- ❖ *Ten Years of the Official Variety Trials*
- ❖ *Glandless Cotton Research*
- ❖ *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 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

**NEWSLETTER  
HIGHLIGHTS**

**NM COTTON  
CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION**

**COTTON PRICES**

**New Mexico Cotton Growers Association  
2013 Annual Cotton Conference  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

## Cotton Prices During 2012

	Prices Received by Farmers (Upland cotton)* cents/pound	Cotton "A" index* cents/pound	Prices Received by Farmers (Upland cotton)* cents/pound	Cotton "A" index* cents/pound
	<b>2012</b>		<b>2011</b>	
January	90.1	101.1	82.1	178.9
February	92.3	100.7	92.9	213.1
March	90	99.5	84.4	229.6
April	90.4	100.1	86.7	216.6
May	84.4	88.53	83.2	165.5
June	77.1	82.18	83.3	167.1
July	76.6	83.97	82.5	
August	71.4	84.4	94	114.1
September	70.7	84.15	93.5	116.8
October	72.6	81.95	92.2	110.6
November			92.6	104.6
December			88.9	95.45
Average	81.56	90.66	88.02	155.7

\*Source: National Cotton Council of America

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