



#### STORY IDEAS

- \* The Farm Bill continues to be an item of much debate as the House and Senate work to consolidate to one version that President Bush will sign into law.
- \* Contact a local business owner to discuss the local or rural economic impact from a strong cotton crop.
- \* Boll Weevil Eradication program provides all-around success story and needs further research to accurately provide statistics.
- \* Continuing and emerging research in genetically engineered cotton.

#### COTTON NEWS

\* The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is sponsoring cotton meetings in many counties across Texas. For more information on specific counties see: <http://county-tx.tamu.edu/>.

\* Cotton growers have an updated tool to calculate seed cost for their 2008 acres. The updated version of the Plains Cotton Growers Seed Cost Calculator was released earlier this month. The calculator includes data for 129 conventional and genetically modified varieties of cotton available to cotton growers in West Texas. The PCG calculator is an interactive Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that allows producers to calculate an estimated cost per acre, for both seed and technology, based on published suggested retail prices. The calculator and more information are available at: <http://www.plainscotton.org>

\* Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) celebrates another successful year and makes progress towards total eradication. The Foundation looks to initiate a nationwide study on the economical and environmental impact of boll weevil eradication to capture the benefits for the general public as well as cotton producers.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Southwest Council of Agribusiness

-Tutorial

-Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Steve Verett, Roger Haldenby, or Shawn Wade

Texas Cooperative Extension

- Harvest Aid Guide

- Dr. Randy Boman

Understanding the Farm Problem: Six Common Errors

- Full Text

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation

- Dr. Charles Allen



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