



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Beltwide Cotton Conference, San Antonio—**January 5-8, 2009**

LA Sweet Potato Meeting, Thomas Jason Lingo Community Center, Oak Grove—**January 6-7, 2009**

Tri State Soybean Forum, Thomas Jason Lingo Community, Oak Grove—**January 9, 2009**

West Carroll Ag Day, Thomas Jason Lingo Community Center, Oak Grove—**January 13, 2009**

Rice Foundation Seed Order Due to Station—**January 14, 2009**

Sweet Potato Foundation Seed Order Due to Station—**January 15, 2009**

Ag Expo, Ike Hamilton Expo Center, West Monroe—**January 16-17, 2009**

Northeast LA Crop Forum, Delhi Civic Center—**January 21, 2009**

National Sweet Potato Council Meeting, Hilton Capital Center, Baton Rouge—**January 25-27, 2009**

National Conservation Systems Cotton & Rice Conference, Paragon Casino Resort Convention Center, Marksville, LA—**January 26-27, 2009**

West Carroll 4-H / FFA Livestock Show, Exhibit Building, Oak Grove—**January 31, 2009**

Northeast District Livestock Show, Delhi, LA—**February 4-7, 2009**

LA Ag Consultants Meeting—**February 11-13, 2009**

RENEW YOUR PRIVATE PESTICIDE APPLICATOR CARD AT WEST CARROLL AG DAY—January 13, 2009 or at the Northeast Crop Forum—January 21, 2009

Beltwide Cotton Conference

The Beltwide Cotton Conference will be held January 5-8 in San Antonio, Texas at the Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk Hotels. Four days of reports, panel discussions, workshops and seminars are offered. Aimed at providing attendees with the information needed to become the best cotton farmer possible. More information is available at www.cotton.org/beltwide.

LA Sweet Potato Meeting

LA Sweet Potato Association will have its annual state meeting in Oak Grove at the Thomas Jason Lingo Community Center. The Sweet Potato Commission and the LA Sweet Potato Association Board will meet on January 6 in the afternoon. The production aspects of the meeting will be January 7. Topics of interest to producers will be addressed by LSU AgCenter Extension and Research personnel. There will be a growers panel discussion. Production meeting will begin at 8:00 AM and finish around noon.



Tri State Soybean Forum

On January 9 the Tri State Soybean Forum will be held at the Thomas Jason Lingo Community Center in Oak Grove. This meeting is aimed at soybean producers in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. Speakers will cover a wide range of topics on soybean production, including: Weed Issues, Seed Quality & Availability, Innoculation, Insect, Disease, Marketing and a Producer Panel. Program starts at 8:00 am.

West Carroll Ag Day

This is a production meeting designed for row crop producers to learn from LSU personnel about production practices and information on: Weed, Insect, Disease, Soil Fertility, Marketing and Worker Protection. This meeting will also be a recertification meeting for private pesticide applicators. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and program starts at 9:00 am.

2008 West Carroll Crop Acreage

Reported acreage for West Carroll of the major commodities was as follows:

Soybeans	44746	Corn	16830
Sweet Potato	3170	Rice	3236
Cotton	1442	Grain Songhum	1235
Wheat	26928	CRP	45797
Grass	21047	Fallow	14318

Ag Expo—January 16-17, 2009

The 27th Annual Ag Expo will be January 16 & 17, 2009. The event will be open from 2:00 pm—8 :00 pm on Friday and 9:00 am—4:00 pm on Saturday. This event is hosted by the North LA Agri-Business Council. Ag Expo is a combination of several events. There is an educational “Ag Alley”, mini farm, livestock show, trade show and an Agricultural Awards Luncheon recognizing regional agricultural leaders. For more information visit the Ag Expo website at www.agexpo.org.

Northeast LA Crop Forum—January 21, 2009

This annual Forum for row crop producers of Northeast Louisiana will be held at the Delhi Civic Center in Delhi, LA at 8:00 am. Topics of interest include Grain / Soybean Production, Fertility Issues, Poultry Litter Usage, Use of Technology Traits, Crop Variety Issues, Marketing / Budgets, Weed Resistance and Worker Protection.

THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A PRIVATED PESTICIDE RE-NEWAL MEETING BY LDAF!!!

National Conservation Cotton & Rice Conference

This Annual event is sponsored by seven mid-south universities, USDA and corporate sponsors. The main emphasis of the conference is reducing production cost, increasing yields and promoting conservation systems. Conference speakers are farmers and researchers from the mid-south states. A large trade show will be available also. The Mid-South Corn and Soybean Conference and the Mid-South Precision Ag Conference are held in conjunction with the Cotton and Rice Conference.

National Sweet Potato Council

“Rendezvous on the Bayou” is the theme for the 2009 Sweet Potato Council Convention. A great educational program is planned including research updates, policy and labor information and a producer talk on his operation are just a touch of the agenda. More information can be found on the LA Sweet Potato Commission web site www.sweetpotato.org or the National Council Website www.sweetpotatousa.org.

4-H /FFA Livestock Shows



As you note in the upcoming events the West Carroll and the Northeast District Livestock Show are coming soon. Support the youth of our parish and area by attending these events. Our youth have worked hard in selecting, feeding, caring for and preparing their animals to show at these events. By attending you encourage their continued participation. Those that qualify will attend the LSU Livestock Show later in February.

Foundation Rice and Sweet Potato Seed

The LSU AgCenter Sweet Potato and Rice Research Station has foundation seed available for sale. Order must be placed by January 14 for rice and January 15 for Sweet Potatoes to the respectively station. Contact the West Carroll Extension Office for additional information on varieties, quantity, order forms, etc if you are interested in foundation seed for the 2009 season.

You may contact the listed websites or the West Carroll Extension Office for additional information. If you would like to receive this information electronically please give us you email contact information.

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