

**TEXAS PLANT PROTECTION CONFERENCE**  
**December 2 – 3, 2009**

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**TPPA Farmer Day**

7:30 am – 5 pm-----**Conference Registration  
Desk Open**

7:30 – 9:30 am -----**Posters & Table-top  
Displays Set-up**

8:30 – 10 am-----**General Session #1**  
*Moderator: TPPA President, Brad Minton,  
Syngenta Crop Protection*

8:30 – 8:35 am **Welcome by: Edward G.  
Smith, Director, Texas AgriLife Extension  
Service, The Texas A&M University System**

8:35– 9:15 am **“Issues Effecting Today’s  
Farmers” Bob Stallman, President, American  
Farm Bureau Federation, Farmer, Columbus, TX**

9:15 – 9:45 am **“Industry Issues” Beau  
Greenwood, Executive Vice President,  
Government Relations & Public Affairs, CropLife  
America, Washington, DC**

9:45 – 10:15 am-----**Break ---Poster Review -  
View Displays**

10:15 – 11:45 am-----**General Session #2**  
*Moderator: TPPA President, Brad Minton,  
Syngenta Crop Protection*

10:15 – 10:45 **“Keeping U.S. Cotton  
Competitive in Global Markets” Michael  
Watson, Vice President of Fiber Competition for  
Cotton Incorporated.**

10:45 – 11:15 am **“An Overview of  
Economics in Agriculture” Charles Hall,  
Texas A & M University, College of Agriculture  
and Life Sciences**

11:15 – 11:45 am **“Biomethane Production  
Facility in Leona, TX” George King, Farmer &  
Partner in the Biogas Plant**

11:45 am – 1:00 pm-----Lunch  
(on your own)

1: 00 – 2:30 pm-----**General Session**

**Future Technology & Chemistry -----**  
*Moderator: Fred Moore, BASF*

1:00 - 1:15 pm **“Genuity™ Trait Technology  
Update” Greg Steele, Monsanto Company,  
Hillsboro, TX**

1:15 – 1:30 pm **“New Weed Management  
Tools for Corn and Sorghum in Texas”  
Eric Castner and Case Medlin, DuPont Crop  
Protection, Weatherford, TX**

1:30 – 1:45 pm **“Kixor Herbicide: The Power  
behind a New Family of Products”  
Brian Vercellino, BASF Corporation, Katy, TX**

1:45 – 2 pm **“Regulation of drought-related  
genes and plant survival in Arabidopsis by  
BioForge” Ron Salzman, Stoller Enterprises,  
Houston, TX**

2 – 2:15 pm **“New Crop Care Products  
From John Deere” Todd Rossow, John Deere  
Corporation, Bryan, TX**

2:15 – 2:30 pm **“GlyToI™ and other new  
cotton trait technologies from Bayer  
CropScience” Gary Henniger, Bayer  
CropScience, Lubbock, TX**

2:30 – 3:00pm----**Break ---Poster Review -  
View Displays**

3:00– 3:45 pm-----**Pest ID Contest**  
*Barron Rector, Texas AgriLife Extension  
Service, Chairman*

3:45 - 5:00 pm-----General Session

**Farm Management (session especially for farmers) -----**

*Justin Allen, Wilbur-Ellis & Eric Zimmerman, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Session Chairmen*

3:45 – 4 pm "A New Biological Tool (Aflaguard) for the Management of Aflatoxins in Crops" *H.Ray Smith, Biological Research Services, Inc., College Station, TX*

4 – 4:15 pm "FARM ASSIST Program", *Greg Kaase, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, College Station, TX*

4:15 – 4:30 "Grain & Wheat Market Outlook", *James (Mark) Welch, Texas AgriLife Extension, College Station, TX*

4:30 - 4:45 "Procedures of Field Storage of Corn in Plastic Bags", *Roy Parker, AgriLife Extension Service, Corpus Christi, TX*

4:45 - 5:00 "Economics of Field Storage of Corn in Plastic Bags", *Mac Young, Extension Risk Management Specialist, Corpus Christi, TX*

**December 3, 2009**

7:30 am – 2 pm-----**Conference Registration Desk Open**

**General Session**

*Moderator: Randy Rivera, Texas Department of Agriculture*

8:00 -- 9 am -----**Laws & Regulations Session**

9:00 – 10:15 am-----**Concurrent Sessions**

**Water Management-----**

*Moderator: Terry Gentry, Texas A&M University*

9:00 - 9:15 am "Texas Watershed Stewards: A Water Resource Training Curriculum" *Jennifer Peterson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, College Station, TX*

9:15 - 9:45 am "Using Alternative Water Sources to Help Reduce Bacteria in Texas Waterways" *Larry Redmon, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, College Station, TX*

9:45 - 10:15 am "Drip Irrigation: the Advantages of Managing the Soil Solution for Maximum Crop Response" *Danny Sosebee, NETAFIM USA, McAllen, TX*

10:15 - 10:30 am "Eliminating Potential Arsenic Hazard in Rice by Water Management and Genetics" *Richard Loeppert, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX*

**Grain-----**

*Moderator: Eric Castner, Dupont Crop Protection*

9:00 – 9:15 am "Grain Markets 2010: Walking the Tightrope" *Mark Welch, Assistant Professor and Extension Economist, Texas AgriLife Extension, College Station, TX.*

9:15 - 9:45 am "Herbicide Resistant Sorghum: New Opportunities to Weed Management" *Kassim Al-Khatib, Professor of Weed Physiology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.*

9:45 – 10:15 am "Multidisciplinary Approaches to Reduce the Impact of Corn Aflatoxin on Texas" *Seth Murray, Tom Isakeit, Joseph Awika, David Baltensperger, Youjun Deng, Joe Dixon, Tim Herrman, Kerry Mayfield, Mike Kolomiets, Gary Odvody, Tim Phillips, Wenwei Xu. Texas AgriLife Research & Extension, College Station, TX.*

10:15 – 10:30 am "UG99 – Stem Rust in Wheat: An Update" *Tom Isakeit, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension, College Station, TX*

10:30 - 11:00 am ----- **Break -Poster Review  
-View Displays**

11:45 – 12:00 **"Establishing Winter  
Pastures"** *Vanessa Corriher, Texas AgriLife  
Extension Service, Overton, TX*

**Soybeans & Rice**-----

*Moderator: M.O. Way, Texas AgriLife  
Research/Extension*

11:00 - 11:15 am **"Screening Soybean  
Genotypes for Tolerance to Stink Bugs Using  
Choice and No-Choice Procedures"** *Jim  
Heitholt, Texas A&M University and Texas  
AgriLife Research, Commerce, TX*

11:15 - 11:30 am **"Pest Status of Thrips in  
Soybeans"** *Stephen Biles, Texas AgriLife  
Extension Service, Port Lavaca, TX*

11:30 - 11:45 am **"Fungicide Evaluation  
for Main and Ratoon Crop Rice"** *Young-Ki Jo,  
Texas AgriLife Extension, College Station, TX*

11:45 – 12:00 am **"Resistance Monitoring  
in Rice Stink Bug and Other Rice IPM  
Updates"** *M. O. Way, Texas AgriLife  
Research/Extension, Beaumont, TX*

**Pasture & Rangeland**-----

*Moderator: Jack Le Clair, Dupont Crop  
Protection*

11:00 - 11:15 am **"Pasture Weed Control  
with GrazonNext Herbicide"** *V.B. Langston,  
C.D. Cummings. W.N. Kline, P.L. Burch, Dow  
AgroSciences, The Woodlands, TX*

11:15 - 11:30 am **"Fire, A Useable Tool for  
Enhanced Landscapes"** *Stan Reinke, retired  
NRCS Zone Biologist, Range & Wildlife  
Consultant, Victoria, TX*

11:30 - 11:45 am **"Annual and Perennial  
Grass and Weed Control in Improved Coastal  
Bermuda with Pastora Herbicide"** *Eric  
Castner and Case Medlin, Dupont Crop  
Protection, Weatherford, TX and Paradise, TX*

12 n – 1 pm-----**Awards Luncheon &  
Business Mtg.**  
(Included in registration fee)  
*Moderator: TPPA President, Brad Minton,  
Syngenta Crop Protection*

1:15 – 2:45 pm-----**Concurrent Sessions**

**Cotton**-----

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*Moderator: Danny Fromme, Texas AgriLife  
Extension Service*

1:15-1:30 pm **"Cotton Market Outlook"** *Dr.  
John R. C. Robinson, Professor and Extension  
Economist- Marketing, Texas AgriLife Extension  
Service, College Station, Texas.*

1:30-1:45 pm **"Population Dynamics and  
Within-Plant Distribution of Cotton  
Fleahoppers in the Brazos River Bottom  
Production Area"** *Dr. Charles Suh, Research  
Entomologist, USDA-ARS, College Station,  
Texas.*

1:45-2:00 pm **"Conserving Water in South  
Texas Cotton Production Through the Use of  
Strip Tillage and Developmentally Timed  
Water Deficit Periods"** *Dr. Diane Rowland,  
Associate Professor and Research Physiologist,  
Texas AgriLife Research, Uvalde, Texas.*

2:00-2:15 pm **"Comparative Growth and  
Yield of Cotton at Various Planting  
Densities"** *Peter McGuill, County Extension  
Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources,  
Wharton, Texas.*

2:15-2:30 pm **"Research on Chemical  
Control of Cotton Root Rot"** *Dr. Tom Isakeit,  
Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist,  
College Station, Texas.*

**Alternate & Horticultural Crops-----**  
*Moderator: Tim Davis, Texas A & M University*

1:15-1:30 pm **“Produce Safety Issues,”**  
*Joe Masabni, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, College Station, TX*

1:30-1:45 pm **“Update on the Texas Disease Diagnostics Laboratory,”** *Kevin Ong, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bryan, TX*

1:45-2:00 pm **“Advances in Pest Management for Horticultural Crops,”**

*Scott Ludwig, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Overton, TX*

2:00-2:15 pm **“Zebra Chip Disorder in Potatoes,”** *Dennis Gross, Texas AgriLife Research, College Station, TX*

2:15-2:30 pm **“Oilseed Crop Update,”**  
*Travis Miller, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, College Station, TX*

**2:30 Adjourn**



**Sarah Novak, an Agricultural Economic major at Texas A & M University recently received the 2009 Texas Plant Protection Association Scholarship.**

Sarah is a Junior from Floresville, Texas. With Novak are Dr. Alan Sims, Executive Associate Dean, TAMU College of Agriculture, Bob Sasser, TPPA Executive Director, Ray Smith, Biological Research Services and TPPA Board Chairman, Dr. Brad Minton, Syngenta Crop Protection and TPPA President, Dr. John Nichols, TAMU Agricultural Economics Department Head and Dr. Ron Lacewell, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Texas AgriLife and TPPA Board Member.