State-wide and Beltwide Cotton Issues

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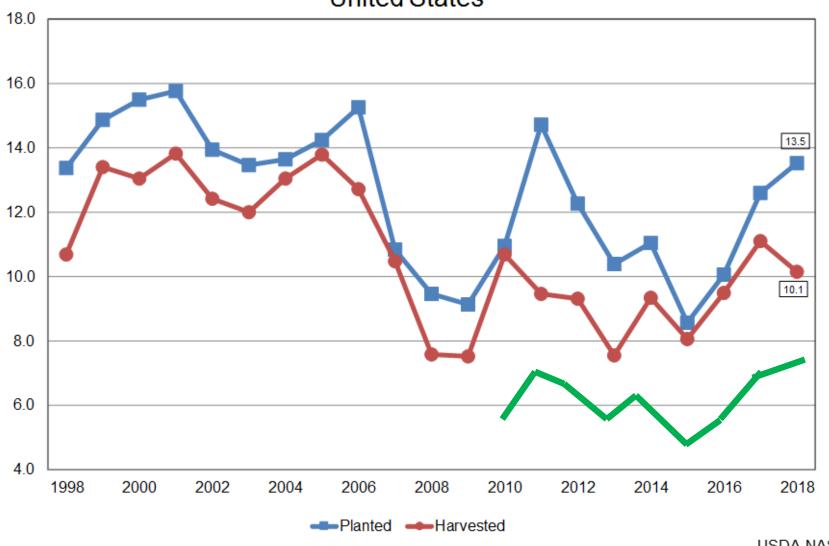




Million Acres



All Cotton Acres United States

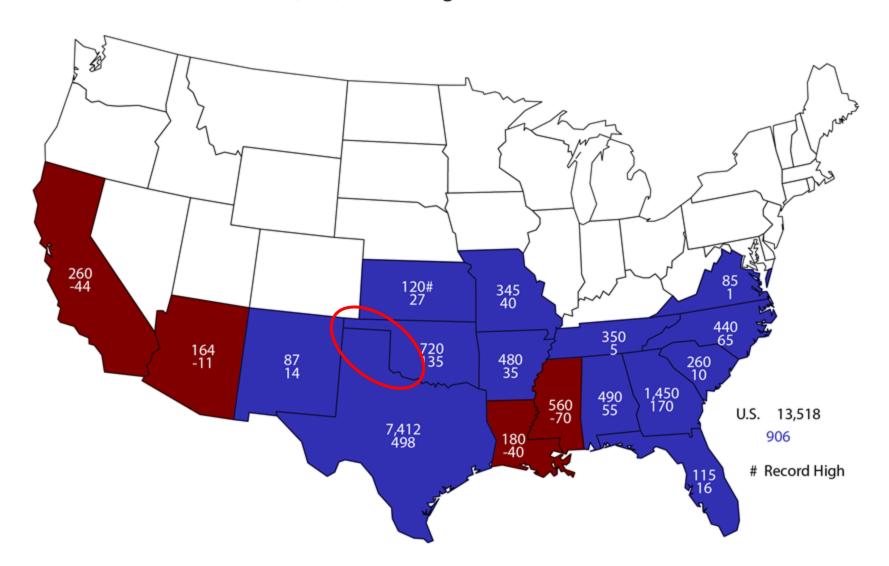




2018 All Cotton Planted Area



Acres (000) and Change From Previous Year

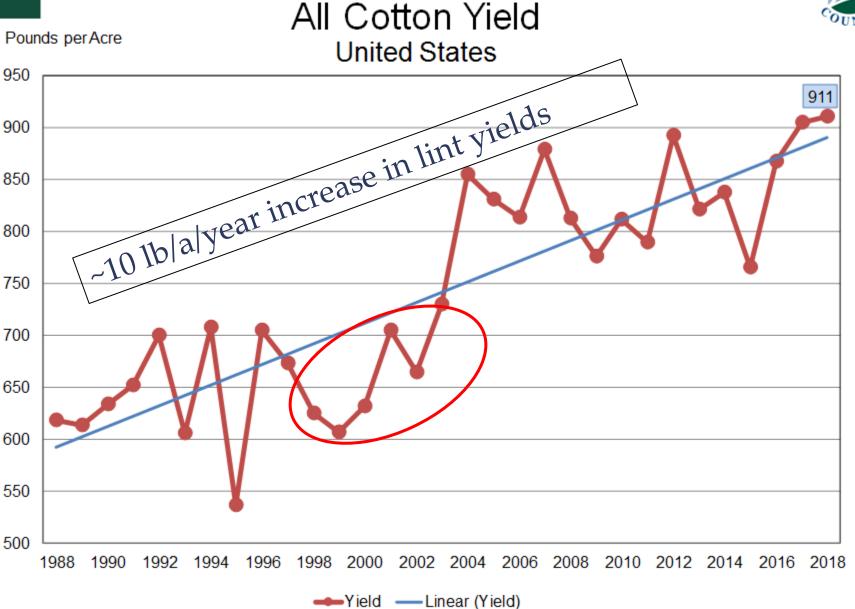


South, East, and Rolling Plains Crop Status

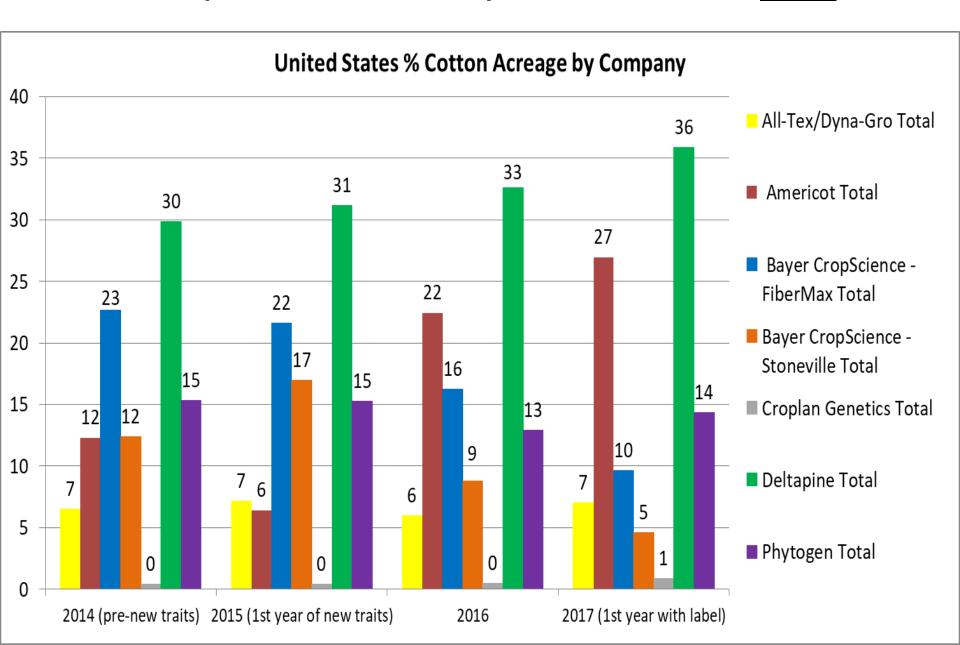




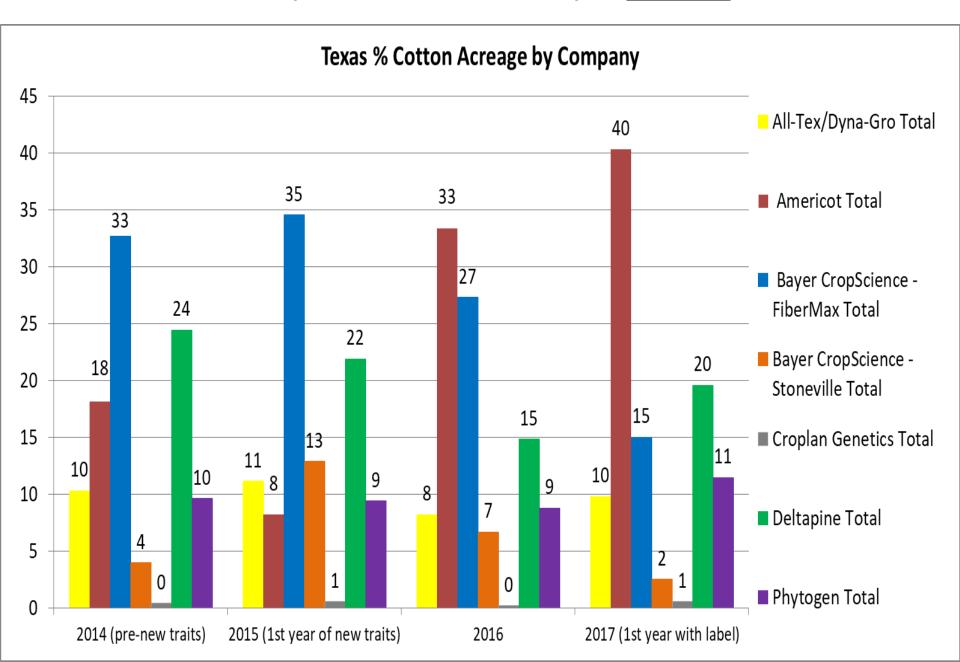




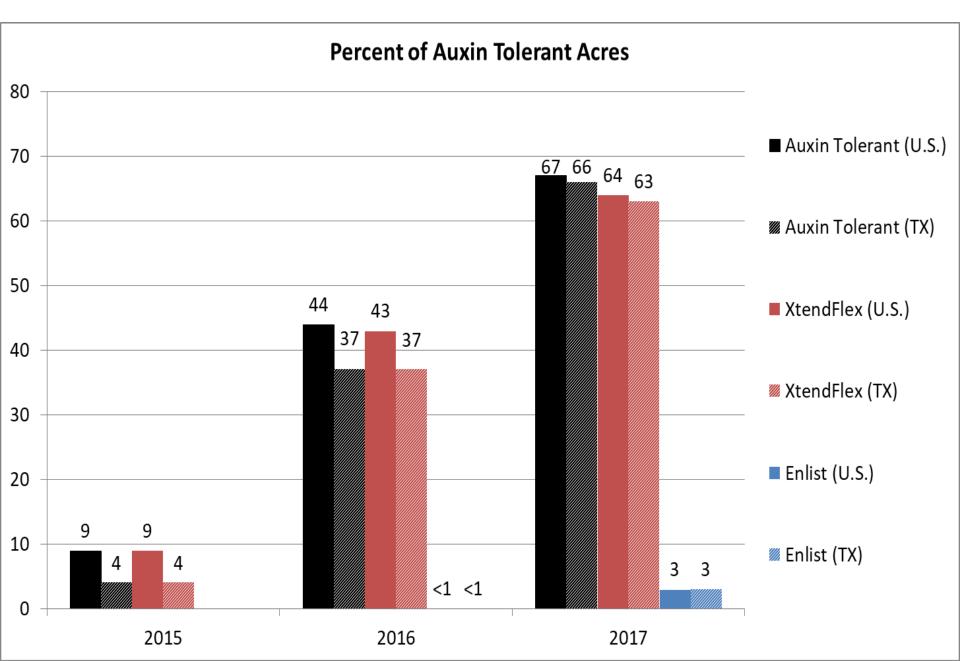
Adoption of Variety and Traits in <u>U.S.</u>



Adoption of Variety - Texas



Adoption of Auxin Traits



Off-target Movement of Auxin Herbicides



Duplosan (dichlorprop)

- Targeted for chemical stalk destruction in South and East Texas
- Volunteer cotton of Enlist and/or XtendFlex?????
- State-limited use herbicide
- Current formulation = Ester formulation

Cotton Yield, Quality, and Plant Growth Response to Soil-Applied Potassium

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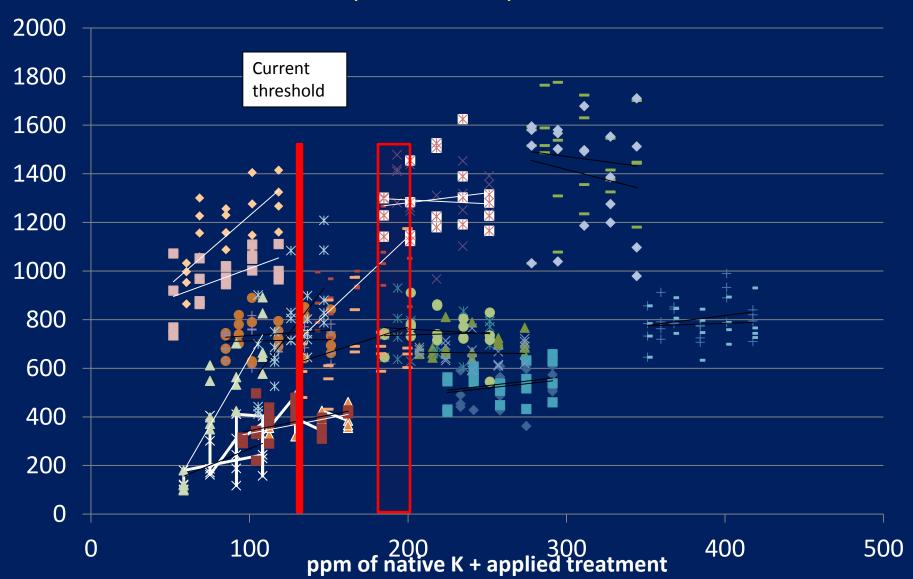
An Extension Cotton Specialist Project





Lint yield

2012-2015: Williamson, Wharton, and Hill Counties



Diseases/Nematodes Potentially Impacting **Texas Cotton**



Reniform nematodes

- monoculture
- Prevent soil movement



Tom Allen, Mississippi State University



Murray Sharman (DAFFQ) & Susan Maas

Insects Potentially Impacting Texas Cotton

- Old World Bollworm
- Boll weevil

- Contact
 - Suhas Vyavhare Extension Entomologist at Lubbock
 - David Kerns Extension Entomologist at College Station
 - IPM agents

CONTAMINATION FROM PLASTICS

- Plastics are a major concern
- Most prevalent contaminant; many types and forms



U.S. exports about 85% of our cotton



Plastic by Region for 2017 Crop

Southeast	360
Florence	65
Macon	295
	14%

Mid-South	514	
Dumas	196	
Memphis	283	
Rayville	35	
	20%	

Southwest	1,676	
Abilene	117	
Corpus	432	
Lamesa	46	
Lubbock	1,041	
	64%	

Far West	64	
Upland	35	
Pima	29	
	2%	

Total US	2,614	
Upland	2,585	98.9%
Pima	29	1.1%

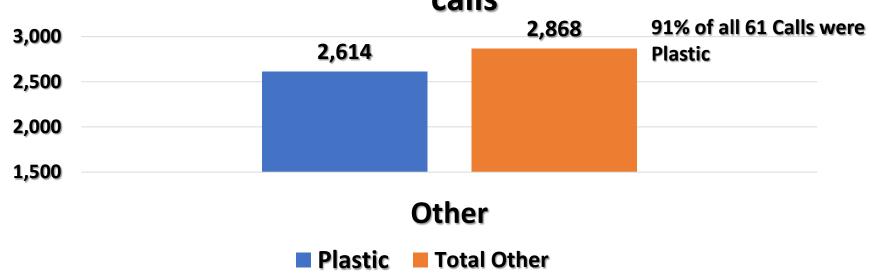
USDA/AMS thru 5/17/2018



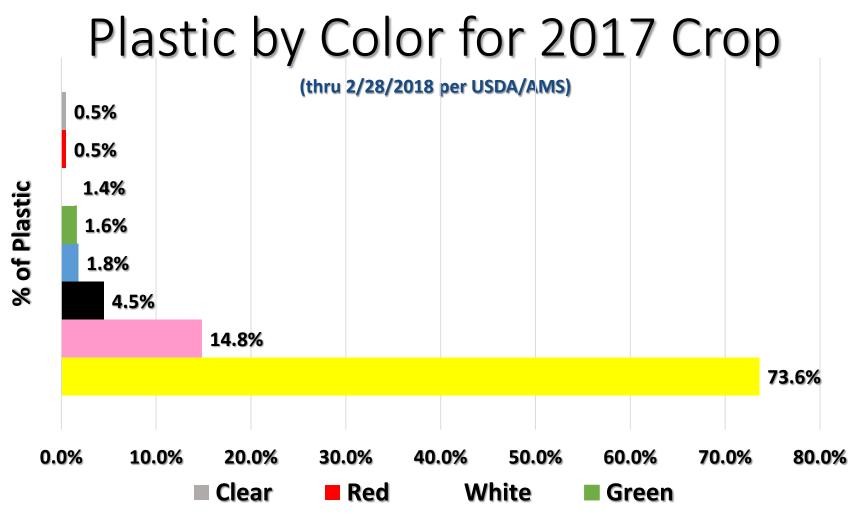
Plastic vs Other for 2017 Crop

(thru 5/17/2018)

Bales called with Plastic & Total Other calls









Pakistan Mill 7/1/18



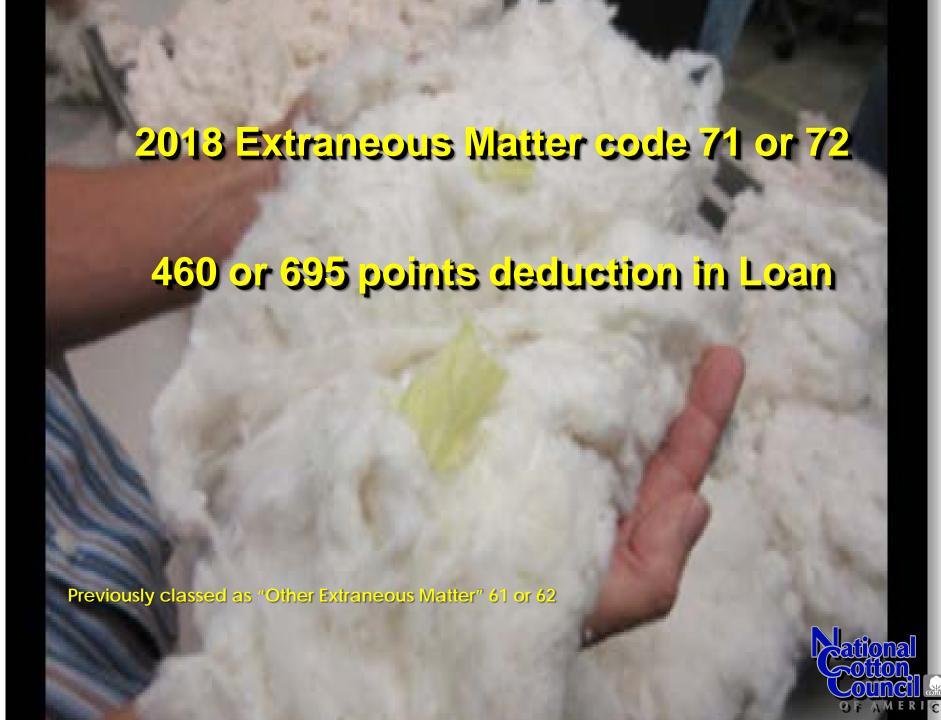




Vietnamese Mill 7/24/18

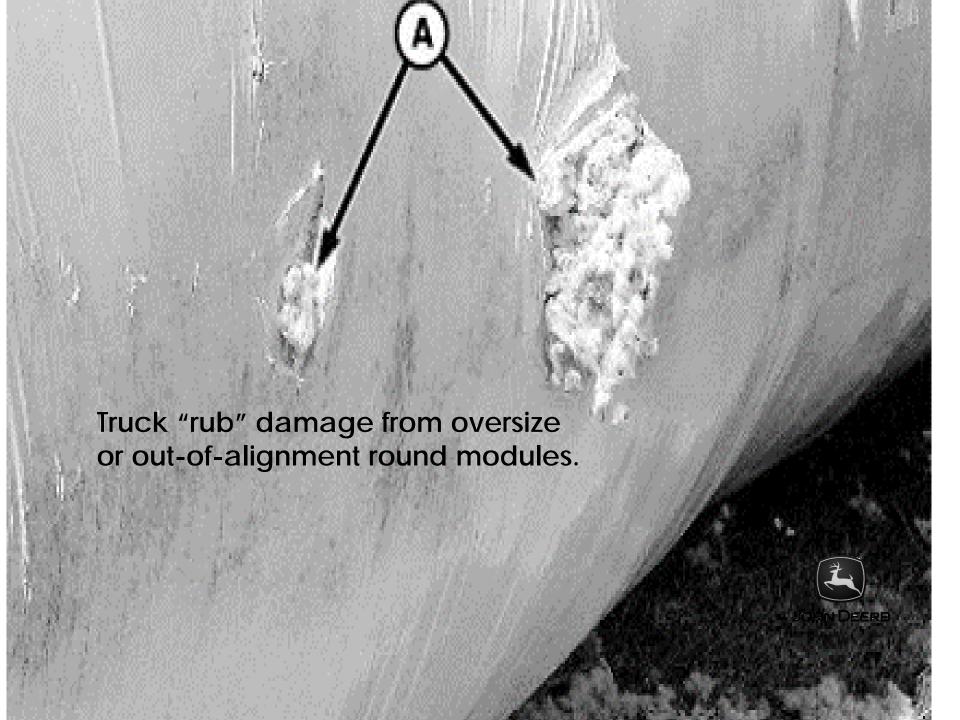






Prevention Begins in the Field





Round Module Staging



Choosing The Proper Staging Site

IMPORTANT: Do not stage or drop modules on cut or chopped stalks.

Modules should be staged on a high, flat, well drained surface. Staging on flat driveways, turn rows or disked surface is optimal.

If at all possible do not stage modules on top of rows, beds or field locations where module truck access is difficult. Modules tend to take the shape of the surface they are placed on (see Incorrect Staging Surface graphic). Setting on beds or uneven surfaces causes module truck chains to dig into the ground to get under the bottom of module.

When choosing staging locations, make sure modules can be retrieved from the location following rain events.

If module truck tires and/or tracks slip when retrieving the load, damage may occur to the underside of the module.



Incorrect Staging Surface

This kind of damage is result of pickup chain engaging the module bottom and moving the module forward at a speed that is faster than the backward speed of the module truck.

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Lint Contamination Costs YOU Money

\$200 Million
 Problem

- Broken Contracts
- Loss of Business

Loss of Confidence





Contamination Research Detection and Removal

- Researchers (USDA/ARS and University) in full cooperation
- All 3 USDA Ginning Labs plus New Orleans Labs involved
- Optical detection via various camera technologies
- Evaluating existing gin machines for better extraction

Cotton Accomplishments

Farm gate value exceeding \$3 billion for lint and \$400 million for seed in Texas in 2017.

Total economic value to Texas' economy of 4X the farm gate value.

Annual yields have increased an average of 10 lb/a/year.

Pesticide use has decreased 40% since the 1960s.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Research success stories result in an estimated economic value of over \$230 million annually

Dr. Murilo Maeda

New Extension Cotton Agronomist at Lubbock

- -long family history with cotton
- well trained in Cotton Physiology
- in-depth UAV experience
- Starts October 1st





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