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The cotton season has almost ended and most farmers in the State have finished with harvesting. We had some rainfall towards the end of the season, which helped to recharge soil moisture and provided the needed water to complete cotton growth and development. Pest and disease pressures were minimal this year and some growers have reported slightly above average yield. However, cotton acreage was much less than in 2012 due to uncertainties in the price of cotton. We want to use this opportunity to wish our cotton growers a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to the New Year.

Please, send your comments and contributions to John Idowu (email: 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 2014 - Registration

The New Mexico Cotton Growers Association Conference will be held Wednesday, January 15th, 2014 from 8:00am till 4:00pm 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:

- ❖ *Reduced Tillage for Crop Production in New Mexico*
- ❖ *Economic Prospects for Cotton*
- ❖ *Variety and Planting Date Trial Report*
- ❖ *Update on Pest Management in Cotton*
- ❖ *Cotton Breeding for New Mexico*
- ❖ *New Mexico Ginning Update*
- ❖ *Glandless Cotton Research*
- ❖ *Updates and New Products from the Industry*

A registration form is attached to this newsletter. Please complete and mail the registration no later than January 5th, 2014 to help us plan for lunch. Registration Fee is \$25 per person.

The **Lodge at Sierra Blanca** (107 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso, NM; Phone: 575-258-5500) is offering a discounted conference rate in conjunction with the New Mexico Hay Association conference. Please, reference the NM Hay Association Conference when making reservations or at the reception desk on your arrival to get the conference rate.

Send, Email or Fax completed registration to:

Patrick Sullivan, 1946 S. Valley Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005

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COTTON PRICES

Cotton Prices: 2013 and 2012

	2013		2012	
	Upland Cotton "A" Index*	ELS (Pima) Spot Price*	Upland Cotton "A" Index*	ELS (Pima) Spot Price*
January	85.51	102.00	101.1	134.70
February	89.71	104.00	100.7	127.00
March	94.45	106.60	99.5	124.50
April	92.68	111.50	100.1	122.00
May	92.74	128.00	88.53	118.50
June	93.08	128.00	82.18	109.40
July	92.62	128.00	83.97	98.00
August	92.71	128.00	84.4	98.00
September	90.09	129.00	84.15	100.20
October	89.35		81.95	
November	84.65	159.10	80.87	100.50
December			83.37	
Average	90.69	122.40	89.24	113.20

*Source: National Cotton Council of America and prices in (cents/pound).

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**New Mexico Cotton Growers Association
2013 Annual Cotton Conference
January 15th, 2014
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 5th, 2014 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
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