

# GEORGIA PECAN GROWERS ASSOCIATION'S

53rd Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show

March 26-28, 2018 • UGA Conference Center, Tifton, GA

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## Greetings Pecan Growers!

Please join us for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show to be held March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> in Tifton, Georgia. The University of Georgia's (UGA) Tifton Campus Conference Center will host the 2018 trade show and conference events on March 28<sup>th</sup>, which is located off of Exit 64 on Interstate 75.

Springhill Country Club of Tifton provides award-winning greens and service for our golf tournament held on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, offering two available tee times and is conveniently located on U.S. Highway 82.

In addition, Dr. Lenny Wells will host an orchard tour on March 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:30 pm at the UGA Ponder Farm located in Ty Ty, Georgia, just minutes from Tifton. This tour is free and extremely educational so don't miss out! Directions to the Ponder Farm are available in this packet, on our website or by calling our office.

**Following Tuesday's afternoon activities please be sure to RSVP and attend the evening's Welcome Reception.** Take this opportunity to catch up with friends or mingle with vendors before the big show day on Wednesday. The Welcome Reception will provide dinner, an open bar, a reverse raffle and silent auction. All raffle tickets will be pre-sold with only 500 in circulation for an \$8,000 cash prize. To purchase raffle tickets or donate items to the silent auction, see attached information in this packet.

REMEMBER your spouse receives FREE attendance to the conference and awards luncheon. Your registration fee covers your spot PLUS your spouse's.

***(Does not include other family members - spouse only).***

If you have not joined the Georgia Pecan Growers Association, we encourage you to join **your** association and support efforts to promote pecans domestically and internationally. A section on our website or the enclosed check-out page can be marked to include your membership. ***Annual membership benefits include copies of the 6-edition Pecan Grower Magazine, admittance to September's Fall Field Day educational event, industry update newsletters, as well as certain voting rights.***

You may REGISTER ONLINE at [www.georgiapecan.org](http://www.georgiapecan.org). Click the link to the 2018 GPGA Conference and complete the information on "ATTENDEE LINK". A receipt will be sent to you after completion of your registration.

**You may use the enclosed paper registration form if you prefer. PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES receive a gift at the show for early registration. THE GIFT IS ONLY offered to pre-registered attendees.**

If you have any questions, concerning the information in this packet, please feel free to contact us at (229)-382-2187 or via email [samantha@georgiapecan.org](mailto:samantha@georgiapecan.org).

Respectfully,

Samantha McLeod, Executive Director  
Georgia Pecan Growers Association, Inc.

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## Attendee Information

Dates: Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Location: UGA Tifton-Campus Conference Center

15 RDC Road, Tifton, GA

### Tuesday, March 27

- **UGA Extension Orchard Tour**
  - 1:30 to 4:30 pm
  - Ponder Farm  
528 TyTy-Whiddon Mill Road  
TyTy, GA
- **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**
  - 8:00 am and 1:00 pm Tee Times available  
(See Golf Brochure)
  - Spring Hill Country Club  
5 Springhill Dr. E  
Tifton, GA
  - Pre-registration required (See Golf Brochure)
- **Attendee & Exhibitor Welcome Reception**
  - 6:15 pm - UGA Conference Center
  - Cocktail hour & Dinner
  - Silent Auction & Reverse Raffle
  - RSVP required

### Wednesday, March 28

- **Attendee Registration**
  - 7:30 am - Doors Open
  - Complimentary Coffee and Pastries
- **Show Exhibits & Educational Conference Sessions**
  - 8:00 am Welcome
  - Latest news from Pecan Researchers and Industry Topics
  - Over 100 Exhibitors
  - Indoor and Outdoor large equipment exhibits
  - Purchase gifts and specialty items
  - Purchase your GPGA Gear!
- **Annual Awards Luncheon**
  - 12:00 to 1:00 pm
  - Special Guest Speakers
  - Awards Presented

## EXCITING NEWS!

This year GPGA has been given an opportunity to use a **Trade Show app** for mobile devices throughout the show to help you locate exhibitors, follow the latest activities and door prize drawings, and help promote feedback throughout the conference. Download the "Whova" event app in your iTunes App Store or Google Play Store and search for the Georgia Pecan Growers Conference. Stay tuned for more updates!



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## Attendee Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Name (Free): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City/State/Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Select:    Grower       Farm Manager       Supporter

GPGA Member:    Yes    No

- | <u>Select Option(s)</u>                                                              | <u>Qty</u> | x | <u>Price</u>        | = | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---|---------------------|---|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Registration Fee per person (PLUS Spouse Free)</b> ..... | _____      | x | 50                  | = | _____        |
| o 2 Day Admission for Grower & Spouse                                                |            |   |                     |   |              |
| ▪ Tuesday's Orchard Tour @ Ponder Farm                                               |            |   |                     |   |              |
| ▪ Tuesday Night's Welcome Reception                                                  |            |   |                     |   |              |
| ▪ Coffee/Donut Breakfast Wednesday                                                   |            |   |                     |   |              |
| ▪ Awards Luncheon                                                                    |            |   |                     |   |              |
| ▪ Full Day of Educational Seminars                                                   |            |   |                     |   |              |
| o <b>Name Badges for additional registrants</b>                                      |            |   |                     |   |              |
| ▪ Name: _____                                                                        |            |   |                     |   |              |
| ▪ Name: _____                                                                        |            |   |                     |   |              |
| ▪ Name: _____                                                                        |            |   |                     |   |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Raffle Tickets</b> .....                                 | _____      | x | 100                 | = | _____        |
| o ONLY 500 in Circulation                                                            |            |   |                     |   |              |
| o (Remember GPGA is Non-Profit! This is a great write off for tax season!)           |            |   |                     |   |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jack Thompson Scholarship Donation</b> .....             |            |   |                     |   | _____        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>JOIN GPGA TODAY!</b> .....                               |            |   | <b>Select Below</b> | = | _____        |

Category	Benefits	Price	Check Box
Grower, 30+ Acres	Includes 6 issues of the Pecan Grower Magazine, Free admittance for TWO to Fall Field Day and Voting Rights within GPGA	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grower 29 Acres or less	Includes 6 issues of the Pecan Grower Magazine, Free admittance for TWO to Fall Field Day and Voting Rights within GPGA	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farm Manager	Includes 6 issues of the Pecan Grower Magazine, Free admittance for One to Fall Field Day	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/>
Out of State Supporter	Includes 6 issues of the Pecan Grower Magazine, Free admittance for One to Fall Field Day	\$75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Grower Supporter	Includes 6 issues of the Pecan Grower Magazine, Free admittance for One to Fall Field Day	\$75	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Membership	Includes 6 issues of the Pecan Grower Magazine, Free admittance for TWO to Fall Field Day	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Credit Card Form

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (City/State/Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: VISA AMEX MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Mail to: GPGA, PO Box 1367, Tifton, GA 31793 or Fax to: 404-393-9298

**RSVP Welcome Reception - Number Attending** ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Attendees and Exhibitors: Come enjoy fellowship, dinner, an open-bar, silent auction and raffles to kick off the conference Tuesday evening! Free but **requires RSVP** for meal planning purposes

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## Host Hotels

We have negotiated special rates for our show so please make your reservations early.

- **Hilton Garden Inn : Telephone Number: 229-382-8484**
  - I-75 Exit 62 201 Boo Drive Tifton, Georgia
  - Conference Rates: \$109.00 + tax One King or Two Queens
  - Promo Code: 2018 Georgia Pecan Growers Conference
  - \*\*Must contact hotel directly to receive conference rates. **Deadline: 3/5/2018**
- **Holiday Inn Express : Telephone Number: 229-382-3300**
  - I-75 Exit 62 814 7<sup>th</sup> Street West Tifton, Georgia
  - Conference Rates: \$109.00 + tax Two Queens (two people)
  - Promo Code: 2018 Georgia Pecan Growers Conference
  - Free Hot Breakfast
  - \*\*Must contact hotel directly to receive conference rates. **Deadline: 3/8/2018**
- **Hampton Inn : Telephone Number: 229-382-8800**
  - 720 US Hwy 319 S. Tifton, Georgia
  - (Must Call for Rate) Standard Double Queen or Standard King
  - Free Hot Breakfast
- **Comfort Inn & Suites: Telephone Number: 229-382-8250**
  - I-75 Exit 62 320 Virginia Avenue Tifton, Georgia
  - Conference Rates: \$95.00 + tax Two Queens (two people)
  - Promo code: 2018 Georgia Pecan Growers Conference
  - Free Hot Breakfast
  - \*\*Must contact hotel directly to receive conference rates. **Deadline: 3/8/2018**
- **Country Inn & Suites: Telephone Number: 229-382-8100**
  - I-75 Exit 62 310 Virginia Avenue S. Tifton, Georgia
  - Conference Rates: \$95.00 + tax Two Queens (two people)
  - Promo code: 2018 Georgia Pecan Growers Conference
  - Free Hot Breakfast
  - \*\*Must contact hotel directly to receive conference rates. **Deadline: 3/8/2018**
- **Days Inn & Suites : Telephone Number: 229-382-8505**
  - I-75 Exit 62 1199 US Highway 82 W Tifton, Georgia
  - Conference Rates: \$65.00 + tax Two Queens (two people)
  - Promo code: 2018 Georgia Pecan Growers Conference
  - Free Breakfast
  - \*\*Must contact hotel directly to receive conference rates. **Deadline: 3/8/2018**
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites: Telephone Number: 229-387-8288**
  - I-75 Exit 62 806 7<sup>th</sup> Street West Tifton, Georgia
  - Conference Rates: \$99.00 + tax Two Queens
  - Promo code: 2018 Georgia Pecan Growers Conference
  - \*\*Contact hotel directly to receive conference rates. **Deadline: 3/1/2018**
  - Free Breakfast