

**2017
GPC REPORT**

Project Title: University of Georgia Cooperative Extension County Agent Programs

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1) On-Farm Applied Research and Demonstrations - These demonstrations allow research to be applied at the county level and give producers a first-hand look at new innovations. In 2017, 10 counties applied and received receiving \$750 each to conduct field demonstrations in their Counties. The ten counties and agents are: Phillip Edwards- Irwin County, Brock Ward – Miller County (no report), Jay Hathorn—Calhoun County (no report), Lanier Jordan – Baker County, Jeremy Kichler—Colquitt County, Bill Tyson—Bulloch County, Mark Crosby – Emanuel County, Stephanie Hollifield – Brooks County, Blake Crabtree – Worth County

2) County Extension Agent Travel to the APRES meeting – County Extension Agents that submit entries into the GACAA “Peanut Education for Excellence” program are eligible to receive travel support funding to the APRES meeting. We request funding from the Georgia Peanut Commission to support travel of four County Extension Agents to the APRES meeting. Three Agents attended and presented peanut county demonstrations results at the APRES meeting in Albuquerque, NM in July 2017. The agents were Lanier Jordan – Baker County, Bill Tyson—Bulloch County, and Mark Crosby – Emanuel County

3) Printing the 2016 Peanut Update – The UGA Peanut Team produces and distributes an annual production update guide that is handed out to producers at the annual county-based peanut production meetings that are organized and hosted by the County Extension Agents. In 2017, the UGA peanut team began revising the peanut production guide. With this in mind, the peanut team developed a new laminated quick reference guide for distribution to growers.

4) GACAA “Peanut Education for Excellence” program – For many years the Georgia Peanut Commission has funded the GACAA “Peanut Education for Excellence” program that recognizes outstanding Extension programming in the area of peanut production and economics. Four County Extension Agents are selected based on a written summary of their programming efforts. A review committee selects the four programs that are determined to be the most impactful and well documented. Funding is used to provide a cash award for each place (1st - 4th), the cost of the plaques, and travel for the first place winner to attend the APRES meeting.

The GACAA Award Winners for 2017 were 1st place --- Brock Ward (Miller Co.)-- \$500, 2nd Place --- Mark Crosby (Emanuel Co.)-- \$400, 3rd Place --- Bill Tyson (Bulloch Co.) -- \$300, and 4th place --- Brian Cresswell (Early Co) -- \$200