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**Eleventh Annual Texas Commodity Symposium Program Announced**

**AMARILLO, Texas (October 28, 2011)** – The eleventh annual Texas Commodity Symposium will be held Wednesday, Nov. 30, in Amarillo in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in the Grand Plaza Room at the Amarillo Civic Center. The free event will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The symposium, which is hosted by the Corn Producers Association of Texas, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Texas Grain Sorghum Association, Texas Peanut Producers Board and Texas Wheat Producers Association, will conclude with the annual Ag Appreciation Luncheon, presented by the Texas Commodity Symposium and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Ag Council.

"We're excited to offer attendees an interesting program this year that addresses issues that will not only affect the agricultural industry, but also everyone in the West Texas region," CPAT Executive Vice President David Gibson said. "We encourage producers and those in agribusiness alike to attend the 2011 Texas Commodity Symposium."

This year's Symposium will examine a variety of issues that impact producers and the agribusiness sector. Featured topics include water, weather, agricultural policy, and program updates from NRCS and FSA.

Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas state climatologist, will discuss the current drought situation and projections for 2012. Tom Sell with Combest, Sell and Associates will update attendees on current developments in farm policy.

The morning program will end with a panel of experts discussing water issues.

"This is a great opportunity to hear a diverse group of speakers addressing the main issues affecting agriculture on the Texas High Plains," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said.

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