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Texas Commodity Symposium program announced *Official Texas State Photographer Wyman Meinzer to keynote*

AMARILLO, Texas (November 6, 2013) – The thirteenth annual [Texas Commodity Symposium](#) will be held Wednesday, Dec. 4, 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 symposium and the [Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Ag Council](#).

“The program again brings pertinent information to those in the agricultural industry, as well as the local community,” TGSA Executive Vice President Wayne Cleveland said.

“Agricultural production plays an important role to the area’s economy, as it brings in more than \$12.2 billion to the High Plains,” CPAT Executive Vice President David Gibson said. “Events such as this symposium are a great way for us to provide pertinent information to farmers and ranchers, as well as the communities they support.”

[Wyman Meinzer, the official photographer for the state of Texas](#), will present the symposium’s keynote address during the Ag Appreciation Luncheon. Meinzer’s photography is renowned, and in his more than 33 years as a photographer he has photographed and/or written 24 large format books and his work has been featured on the cover of more than 250 magazines.

“Meinzer’s work is nothing short of breathtaking, and his eclectic experience across the state brings a unique perspective and interesting tale,” TPPB Executive Director Shelly Nutt said.

Additionally, the symposium will examine a variety of issues that impact producers and the agribusiness sector. Featured topics this year include the farm bill and agricultural policy, estate planning, market and weather outlook, and program updates from [NRCS](#) and [FSA](#).

Additionally, the [Water Conservation Advisory Council](#) will recognize its [2013 Blue Legacy Award in Agriculture](#) recipients at the event as well.

The event is made free of charge for attendees because of the generous support of the symposium’s sponsors, including [ArmTech Insurance Services](#), [Bayer CropScience](#), [DuPont Pioneer](#), [High Plains Journal](#), [Monsanto](#), and [National Peanut Board](#).

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