

## **Providing Peanut Education through County Extension Efforts**

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Extension has a significant impact in disseminating unbiased educational efforts that focus on farmer needs concerning all peanut production issues. Providing knowledge through meetings, one on one contacts, on-farm trials, demonstrations, newsletters, text messages and even social media are key educational components. Each year local Extension meetings provide opportunities for UGA Extension Specialists and agents to share the most current information on peanut agronomics, crop budgets, weed control, disease control, nematode control, insect control, peanut maturity determination and other topics of concern. County on-farm trials and demonstrations in cooperation with specialist input generate local data that has focused most recently on such topics as fungicide comparisons, irrigation scheduling, variety evaluation, burrower bug monitoring and twin-row spacing modifications. Funding for educational programming efforts comes from Georgia Peanut Commission grants and private industry. The county Extension program a the conduit for peanut farmers to gain information needed to achieve success, profitability and sustainability.