

## **Evaluation of Current Alabama Peanut Production Practices through Producer Surveys**

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Effective Extension programming requires an understanding of current practices utilized by producers. Given the rapid pace at which technology is adopted, new varieties are introduced, and management practices are implemented, it can be difficult to identify what issues producers will face for the upcoming crop season. In order to more effectively develop Extension research and outreach objectives for Alabama's peanut producers, producer surveys were incorporated into 2019 Peanut production meetings across the state. Producers were asked a variety of questions pertaining to variety selection, planting practices, disease and weed pressures on farm, as well as planting intentions for the 2019 crop season.

Responses from producers indicate that a majority of Alabama growers continue to plant Ga-06G (64% of respondents), use a twin-row spacing (71% of responses), use residual herbicides in POST applications (80%) as well as experience nematode pressure (71%) but do not currently use nematicides (91 %). Results gathered from these surveys will be used to implement research and programming that better reflect current production practices for growers in Alabama.