

**‘Walton’, a New Virginia-Type Peanut Suitable for Virginia.**

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Virginia needs high-yielding varieties with improved grading characteristics. Seed size, the Super Extra Large Kernel (SELK) content in particular, is important as numerous peanut growers in the state are also processors of gourmet products. High oleic fatty acid content has become a driver in new cultivars. Early maturity along with a longer duration for optimum harvest, i.e., no yield penalty when harvesting earlier, is important also. Finally, high yields and grading under wet as well as dry and hot growing conditions are paramount when only 10% of the fields can be irrigated. ‘Walton’ was developed to suit all these needs. Named in honor of the retired Walton Mozingo, former leader of the Peanut Variety and Quality Evaluation (PVQE) project with Virginia Tech, ‘Walton’ has been jointly developed and released by the University of Florida and Virginia Tech. Performance of ‘Walton’ across three states in the PVQE project and in other projects in Virginia will be presented and discussed.