



College of Agricultural &
Environmental Sciences

Stripling Irrigation Research Park
November 2009 Event and Activity Update

Rainfall at SIRP:

The total amount of rainfall received at SIRP between Oct 1 and today (according to our 'official' raingage) was just over 5.9 inches. This compares to 1.64 inches in June, 5 inches in July, 9 inches in August and 4 inches in September. For the year, the Park has received 55.82 inches of total rainfall. As always, for information from one of UGA's automated weather stations near you, go to www.georgiaweather.net.

Field Activities:

Peanut plot harvest at the Park has been completed. Dr. Hook's peanut irrigation scheduling study, Dr. Faircloth's biodiesel and low input vs. high input peanut study, and Dr. Beasley's peanut irrigation vs. dryland study have each required staggered digging and harvest dates. Hopefully by the next newsletter we can report the yields from the studies. From early indications, yields in fully irrigated plots are going to be quite high.

Dr. Ritchie's cotton plots have been defoliated (twice) and harvested. Dr. Sparks' tomatoes are doing well also (but are ripening slowly).

We are now waiting for drying conditions to return so that we can get our remaining cotton harvested. Fully irrigated cotton looks very good this year.

"Water" in the News:

The California Farm Bureau has several articles on its website dealing with their water crisis:
<http://www.cfbf.com/agalert/watercrisis.cfm>

Southeast Farm Press had an interesting article recently regarding Alabama's push to build reservoirs for irrigation purposes:
<http://southeastfarmpress.com/peanuts/crop-irrigation-1030/>

In case you didn't hear the news, Dr. Carol Couch announced that she was leaving GA-EPD to join UGA in the College of Environment and Design.
<http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/news/story/878996.html>
<http://www.ajc.com/news/georgia-politics-elections/couch-resigns-as-environmental-166599.html>

Be sure to check out SIRP's web site at www.striplingpark.org. We are continuing to update the material on the site and have plans to make it more useful to our clientele. Dr. Jim Hook makes our updates.

Upcoming Events:

- November 2 - Meeting with Coca-Cola representatives (Invitation Only)
- November 11-13 – Georgia Green Industry Assoc. / Irrigation Assoc. Training (SIRP)
- November 19 – Researcher Appreciation Luncheon (Invitation Only)
- November 19 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAY!!!!**
- November 25 – Furlough Day
- November 26-27 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Trivia: Water is absolutely essential to the human body's survival. A person can live for about a month without food, but only about a week without water. To learn more reasons to drink water go to allaboutwater.org.

Photos of recent activities.



Wilson Faircloth peanut harvest.



Glen Harris peanut harvest



Happy Halloween!