INTRODUCTION

The keys to high quality, two-ton plus peanuts are:

1. Well drained soil
2. Suitable rotation lengths and rotation crops – cotton or corn and other grasses
3. Timely water during pod fill
4. Good harvest weather
5. Timely management – especially when and how they’re dug

The factor that growers often have the most control over is #5 – timely management. Peanut is a relatively high-input, high management row crop. But profit is not necessarily determined by spending more money or adding one more product to the spray tank that “might help”. It’s about doing the fundamentals on time and getting the most out of every dollar invested.

This book is a guide for making timely peanut management decisions. The intention is to lay out a step-by-step game plan for peanut production under South Carolina conditions and to provide growers, county agents, private consultants and industry representatives with a reference that will answer most practical questions about peanut production.

Where possible, information is summarized in table format (Fertility Checklist, Guide to Peanut Fungicides, etc.) to present topics briefly but in sufficient detail. Summaries of the most important steps are also given in the Top Ten List and Peanut Management Calendar on the final pages of this guide.

Comments and suggestions to continually improve this production plan are always welcome.

What’s New for the 2021 Edition?
Changes to this year’s production guide include updates to the sections on Varieties, Weed, Disease (fungicide products and efficacies), and Insect Management. A new section on the 2020 Year in Review has been added.

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