



62nd Annual Conference & Trade Show

April 6-7, 2027 | Georgia National Fairgrounds, 401 Larry Walker Pkwy, Perry, Georgia 31069

Greetings!

We're excited for another fantastic conference filled with opportunities to network with growers and see many new products and updated research findings! In 2027, the GPGA Conference returns to **Perry, Georgia, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds on April 6-7**. Please review the details below and the attached materials carefully, as there are some updates to this year's program.

The Conference kicks off on **Tuesday, April 6th**, with two great options: **GPGA's 17th Annual Golf Tournament at Southern Landings Golf Club in Warner Robins, GA**, or the **GPGA's 6th Annual Skeet Shoot Tournament at Meadows Gun Club in Forsyth, GA**. Whether or not you participate in these activities, we'll all come together afterward at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building's Main Exhibit Hall for the **Welcome Reception**. Expect an evening of fun, including heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages, a silent auction, raffle, and live music. Winners from the tournaments will also be announced and awarded.

Due to its popularity and high demand, the Conference will also host Dr. Lenny Wells' UGA Beginners Pecan Production Course from 9 AM - 4 PM at the Georgia National Fairgrounds Miller-Murphy-Howard Building conference room on **Tuesday, April 6th**. Registration is required and more information for the course can be found in this packet as well.

On **Wednesday, April 7th**, we have a full day of educational sessions lined up. The Annual Awards Luncheon will take place at noon, and the afternoon will continue with sessions concluding by 4 PM.

We couldn't host this annual Conference without the generous support of our Attendees, Exhibitors and Sponsors. As you review this year's packet, please consider the various sponsorship opportunities available to help ensure the success of this year's event. We offer a range of packages designed to allow you to support the Association and engage with growers.

This event is not only an opportunity to connect with the industry but also serves as a key fundraiser for the Association, a non-profit dedicated to supporting Georgia's pecan growers. Your involvement and support are essential to advancing the industry.

We look forward to seeing you in April!

Sincerely,

Chris Clough, GPGA President



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REGISTRATION:

This packet provides information on the 2027 GPGA Conference. Attendee registration forms are included in this packet. **Online registration is available for Attendees on georgiapecan.org.** You can also fill out forms manually, scan and send back to sheila@georgiapecan.org or call us at 229-382-2187 to register and to provide payment over the phone.

MEMBERSHIP:

Please renew membership separately from the Conference registration. **Membership DOES NOT cover Conference admission or booth space.** Renew online at georgiapecan.org or by calling the office.

17th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

This year's golf tournament will be held at **Southern Landings Golf Club in Warner Robbins, GA on Tuesday, April 6th with a shotgun start at 12:00 PM. Lunch will begin at 11:00 AM and registration will begin at 10:30 AM.** Beverages will be provided throughout the tournament thanks to generous sponsors. Register as a 4-man team or as an individual (*individuals will be placed on teams by the Association*).

6th ANNUAL SKEET SHOOT TOURNAMENT:

This year's skeet shoot will be held at **Meadows Gun Club in Forsyth, GA on Tuesday, April 6th with registration and lunch at 11:00AM and shooting to start at 12:00 PM.** Register as a 4-man team or as an individual (*individuals will be placed on teams by the Association*). Rental guns and equipment are available but must be requested in advance. Shotgun shells (*both 12 gauge & 20 gauge*) and golf carts will be provided. This is a shotgun-only facility.

WELCOME RECEPTION:

Join us for a Welcome Reception following the first day's events for sponsored cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the Georgia National Fairgrounds, Miller-Murphy-Howard building, on **Tuesday, April 6th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.** The Welcome Reception will feature networking among growers and exhibitors, a Silent Auction, live music and the Reverse Raffle drawing! All are welcome!

RAFFLE:

As the key component to our annual fundraising efforts, the Reverse Raffle Draw Down is ready for your support in 2026! The draw-down will take place at the Welcome Reception, **Tuesday, April 6th.** All tickets will be sold. No tickets will be auctioned off. Only 500 tickets in circulation. Enter for a chance to win \$10,000 in cash & prizes! Winners do not need to be present to win. Winnings can be split between the final 4. Contact one of the GPGA Board Members or GPGA office staff to get your tickets before they're gone!

SILENT AUCTION:

As a non-profit organization, GPGA depends on fundraising efforts at Conference to help us offset costs of hosting this grand event. The Silent Auction will aid in these efforts and will only be available for bidding during the **Welcome Reception on Tuesday night, April 6th,** with a variety of price ranges and gift options for everyone. Please consider bidding on these unique items and/or donating items for this special event.

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON:

GPGA's Annual Awards Luncheon will be held at the **Georgia National Fairgrounds on Wednesday, April 7th at 12:00 PM** which is included in your Conference registration fee. GPGA's annual awards and scholarship recipients will be announced and recognized during the luncheon.

BEGINNERS IN PECAN PRODUCTION COURSE:

Calling all new pecan growers (or anyone who is looking for a refresher course)! Dr. Lenny Wells, UGA Horticulturalist & Pecan Expert, will be hosting a Beginners Pecan Production Course on **Tuesday, April 6th,** in the Miller-Murphy-Howard Building. This will be an additional, all-day event where you will learn everything you need to know to be successful in pecan production. This will be an additional registration fee of \$50, which includes the course and lunch.

Registration is required.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites: (478)-732-1149

Promo Code: F5232

Rates: King- \$166 or 2 Queens- \$176

Townplace Suites:

Rates: King- \$161

Georgia Pecan Growers Association

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, April 6th:

- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM** **Beginners in Pecan Production**
Course: Registration Required!!
Miller-Murphy-Howard Building,
GA National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM** **17th Annual Golf Tournament**
Southern Landings Golf Club
309 Stathams Way, Warner Robins, GA
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM** **6th Annual Skeet Shoot Tournament**
Meadows Gun Club
1064 Rumble Road, Forysth, GA
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM** **Welcome Reception**
Miller-Murphy-Howard Building,
GA National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA

Wednesday, April 7th:

- 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM** **All Attendees Registration Open**
Trade Show Floor Open
Miller-Murphy-Howard Building,
GA National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA
- 8:45 AM - 4:00 PM** **Educational Sessions**
(full agenda coming soon)
Miller-Murphy-Howard Building,
GA National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA
- 12:00 PM** **Annual Awards Luncheon**
- 1:30 PM** **Educational Sessions Resume**
(full agenda coming soon)
Miller-Murphy-Howard Building,
GA National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA
- 4:00 PM** **Conference Wrap-up for the day**

GIVE TO THE PECAN PAC

A STRONG PECAN INDUSTRY NEEDS A
STRONG VOICE IN WASHINGTON

PECAN PAC IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NATIONAL PECAN FEDERATION'S ADVOCACY WORK. SUPPORT THE PECAN POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE AND HELP STRENGTHEN THE PECAN INDUSTRY'S VOICE ON THE ISSUES THAT MATTER THE MOST. BELOW ARE EXAMPLES OF NPF'S WORK FOR THE INDUSTRY.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- TRADE-** Worked to lower tariffs on U.S. Pecan Exports to India
- GROWER SUPPORT-** Helped Secure Tariff Mitigation & Disaster Assistance for Growers
- RESEARCH-** Helped secure millions in funding for research for cracking & pasteurization & pecan breeding.
- MARKETING-** Helped advance research & Promotion authority to generate additional marketing & research funding
- USDA PROGRAMS-** Worked to assure pecan participation in economic assistance programs & USDA nutrition purchases

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

1. CONTRIBUTE ONLINE:

Scan the QR Code to
Contribute Securely Online



2. CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

PECAN PAC
313 Massachusetts Ave. NE
Washington, DC 20002

3. VOLUNTARY ACREAGE SIGN-UP:

Growers voluntarily sign up for a
\$1 per acre contribution.

Sign-up form can be found on
georgiapecan.org

INDIVIDUALS, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS,
PARTNERSHIPS, AND LLCs CAN PARTICIPATE!

PECAN PAC

Earn your badge to wear at conference by
supporting the PAC in 2027!



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

	DIAMOND \$5,000	GOLD \$3,000	SILVER \$2,000	BRONZE \$1,000
Color Ad in <i>The Pecan Grower</i> Magazine (Page Size)	FULL	1/2	1/4	1/8
Golf OR Skeet Shoots Teams	2 teams	1 team	1 team	1 team
Banner Recognition (All Events)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Meal Sponsorship Recognition (Awards luncheon & Welcome Reception)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Full Logo Recognition in Program	✓	✓	✓	✓
Table Tent Display at Awards Luncheon	✓	✓	✓	✓
Awards Luncheon Meal Tickets	6 tickets	4 tickets	3 tickets	2 tickets
Web Advertising Scroll Bar on <i>georgiapecan.org</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Premium Exhibitor Booth Location	✓	✓		
Ultimate Beverage Sponsorship	✓			
Lanyard Representation	✓			

*Golf or Skeet Shoot teams can be traded for a hole or target sponsorship, upon request.

*Banner Recognition included at welcome reception, golf tournament, skeet shoot tournament, presentation rooms, & awards luncheon.

*Color ad selects preferred month to run between June, August, October, or December 2027 issues.

*No sponsorships listed are exclusive packages.

ULTIMATE BEVERAGE SPONSOR \$1,500

- Recognition in Program, Banners and Magazine: (Includes ALL Conference Beverages, Session Breaks, Golf Beverage Carts, Skeet Shoot Lunch, Golf Tournament Lunch, & Welcome Reception)

MEAL SPONSOR

- Premier - \$500
 - Logo Displayed at Lunch
 - Name Listed in Program and Magazine
 - Table Tent Display at Awards Luncheon
- Supporting - \$250
 - Name Listed in Program and Magazine
 - Table Tent Display at Awards Luncheon

Extra Opportunities

- Golf or Skeet Tournament
 - Hole and/or Target Sponsor - \$500
 - Only 17 Sponsorship Spots Available Per Event

Donate to GPGA's Silent Auction Fundraiser

- Contact Amy Howell via email:
amy@georgiapecan.org

ALL SPONSORS: SEND LOGO TO SHEILA@GEORGIAPECAN.ORG UPON REGISTRATION



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

QTY PRICE TOTAL

GPGA MEMBER ADMISSION x \$100 = _____

- Early Registration Discount (Prior to March 5, 2027)
- Admission to conference is separate from membership. Admission fee does NOT cover or include membership. Membership forms can be found online to print and mail in or can be completed online at georgiapecan.org. Members get free admission to FALL FIELD DAY only.

GPGA MEMBER ADMISSION (LATE OR ON-SITE REGISTRATION) x \$125 = _____

- Registration is considered "Late" after March 5, 2027

GPGA NON-MEMBER ADMISSION x \$150 = _____

Children Pricing:

Ages 0-5 x FREE = _____

Ages 6-12 x \$30 = _____

Ages 13-17 x \$50 = _____

BEGINNERS IN PECAN PRODUCTION COURSE x \$50 = _____

RAFFLE TICKET (GPGA'S MAIN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER) x \$100 = _____

- GPGA receives its funding from loyal membership support, sponsorships at Conference and Fall Field Day, and from this Annual Raffle. GPGA is a non-profit that solely works for the members of the organization. Please consider supporting this annual fundraiser by taking a little gamble to win \$10,000.00 in cash & prizes! You do not have to be present to win!

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE SELECTION:

DIAMOND..... x \$5,000 = _____

GOLD..... x \$3,000 = _____

SILVER..... x \$2,000 = _____

BRONZE..... x \$1,000 = _____

ULTIMATE BEVERAGE..... x \$1,500 = _____

PREMIER MEAL SPONSOR..... x \$500 = _____

SUPPORTING MEAL SPONSOR..... x \$250 = _____

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

GOLF TEAM..... x \$500 = _____

GOLF INDIVIDUAL..... x \$250 = _____

SKEET SHOOT TEAM..... x \$500 = _____

SKEET SHOOT INDIVIDUAL..... x \$250 = _____

JACK THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP DONATION..... \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

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CONFERENCE CHECK-OUT FORM

ATTENDEE NAME: _____

SPOUSE NAME (FREE): _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE NAME(S): _____

GOLF TOURNAMENT: (If Applicable)

NAME	Handicap	Email
Player One: _____		
Player Two: _____		
Player Three: _____		
Player Four: _____		

SKEET SHOOT TOURNAMENT: (If Applicable)

NAME	Email
Player One: _____	
Player Two: _____	
Player Three: _____	
Player Four: _____	

PAYMENT OPTIONS (Please select one from the below)

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PLEASE INVOICE ME:

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

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PAY BY CARD:

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____ / _____ SECURITY CODE: _____

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CHECK ENCLOSED

TOTAL: \$ _____