



# GEORGIA SEED DEVELOPMENT

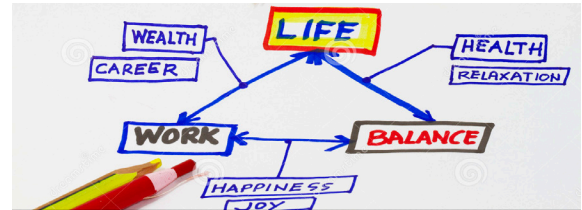
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## Seed for Thought

**Roger Boerma, Executive Director**



I have always admired Trey Gowdy, a former federal prosecutor and politician who served in the U.S. Representative for South Carolina's 4th congressional district. Currently, I enjoy listening to his Sunday evening television show, "Sunday Night in America", on the Fox News channel. He has mastered the art of simplifying and distinctly communicating the most challenging and arduous issues of our time. He poses penetrating questions to his guests and then takes the time to listen to their responses.

Gowdy's show on the Sunday prior to Labor Day this year had a segment focused on the intrinsic value of work. His program got me to reflect on the importance of work in my life and its impact on my overall well-being.

I was born and raised on a central Illinois grain and livestock farm and my first job was working for my dad and my uncle on the farm. This meant that I was tasked with cleaning out hog lots, building pasture fences, milking cows, feeding livestock, baling hay, and all the other things that were required to maintain a diverse Midwestern farm in the 1960s. The work was often hard and sometimes even unpleasant, but for some reason I never seemed to consider it that way.

Work on the Boerma farm gave me a sense of achievement and direction. It provided me with an understanding of the importance of the food farmers produce and the care they take in maintaining their land, livestock, and property. Farmers are truly the first environmentalists.

Do you realize that most of us spend at least one third of our adult life at work? We meet many of our life-long friends at work and through work, and much of our self-worth is developed from our work. Upon reflection it is easy to appreciate the importance of our life's vocation.

Work not only provides us with a sense of purpose and responsibility, but it is where previous strangers become team members, peers, and friends. Regardless of our position in the workplace we learn to share common goals. We solve problems together, celebrate accomplishments together, eat meals together, and finally, we learn to value each other. I could continue to pontificate about the value of work, but maybe the best way to explain it is that it clearly helps to define who we are as a human being.

I hope you will take some time and reflect on the impact of work in your life. I wish you a safe and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season with family, friends, and co-workers.

## **A BRIEFING FROM BLAKE**

**Blake Fleeman, Licensing/Marketing Manager**

### **Licensing**

UGARF and GSD have recently finished license agreements for four new wheat varieties from Dr. Mergoum's breeding program. We hope to have the agreements for the new high oleic soybean varieties from Dr. Li's breeding program finalized in the next few weeks. Also, we will be working with UGARF to send out an Announcement of Licensing Opportunity in the next few weeks for a new turfgrass greens variety.

### **Marketing/Meetings**

At this time it appears the 2022 meeting/trade show season will proceed in an in-person format. I have plans to attend four meetings/shows in January of 2022 and three meetings/shows in February of 2022. As the planning continues Erin and I will be reviewing the different brochures we have for these shows and making updates as needed to the material. Erin will continue to work on keeping both of the websites updated with new material.

### **Education**

The Georgia Urban Ag Council Sod Producers & Landscape Field day partnered with the 74th Annual Southeastern Turfgrass Conference for a day and half of meetings and field demonstrations. Roger, Doug, Corey, Buddy, Alex and I were able to attend the meetings in Tifton GA this past week. Dr. Schwartz led a tour of his research plots in Tifton GA on Tuesday afternoon. The Wednesday morning's session had several different speakers addressing turf related issues. After lunch they had some field demonstrations of turf equipment.

### **NEW STAFF MEMBER IN PLAINS**

Welcome to Mr. James Morrow who joined GSD as a Foundation Seed/Plant Production & Processing Specialist in Plains GA in October of 2021. James and his family live in Ellaville GA. He obtained his B.S. degree at Columbus State University. Most recently, he worked at International Paper in Oglethorpe GA.



## Processing/Production

**Doug Batchelder, Athens, and Justin Tanner, Plains  
Production Managers**

### **2021-2022 SMALL GRAINS**

All of the Foundation small grain processing has been completed for 2021 and almost all of it has been shipped to licensees. Seed quality was excellent this year for all varieties and any seed that is carried over to next year in cold storage should remain excellent as well.

Foundation Bahia harvest in Plains, GA was attempted on three separate occasions, but was aborted each time due to vast inconsistencies in seed maturity across the field.

This fall we plan to grow one Foundation rye increase and 23 Foundation wheat increases on a total of 363 acres. The increases will range from 1 to 60 acres in size (average increase of 15.1 acres per variety). Sixteen of the 24 increases will be planted on 10 acres or less.

Twelve of these increases are grown on the UGA-SWREC in Plains, GA on a total of 78 acres (range in size from 1 to 15 acres; average of 6.5 acres per variety).

### **2021 FOUNDATION SOYBEAN**

GSD grew seven Foundation increases of UGA soybean varieties this year on 132 acres. These increases ranged from 10 to 29 acres in size (average of 18.9 acres per variety). Five of these seven lines were grown on 91 acres on the UGA-SWREC in Plains, GA. We have harvested three of these increases and plan to complete harvesting the remaining Foundation increases the week of 7-13 November.

### **2021 FOUNDATION TURFGRASS**

GSD has filled domestic orders for TifTuf (1 order), TifEagle (1 order), Tifway (3 orders and 1 order waiting shipment) and another TifTuf order coming from the GSD Foundation field in California. We have also washed and shipped TifEagle to Japan and Vietnam and TifTuf to Japan this summer.

### **2021 FOUNDATION PEANUT**

GSD Started the year off with 19 varieties, but due to one Spanish line breeder increase being dropped we now have 18 varieties and experimental lines. These peanut increases were planted on a total of 1,973 acres with 4,412 farmer stock tons contracted for harvest. In 2021 our larger Foundation peanut increases included: 1,571 acres of GA 06G (of that acreage 26 acres are 06G Breeder Stock), 146 acres of Tif NV, 125 acres of GA 18RU, 56 acres of GA 20VHO, 33 acres of GA 14N, and 30 acres of GA 11J. GSD contracted with Fudge Peanut Buying Point in Colquitt, GA to produce 500 tons of Foundation farmer stock GA 06G peanuts. At the UGA-SWREC we grew 11 increases ranging from 0.05 to 61 acres (average was 6.5 acres per increase).

As of 3 November 2022 GSD has brought in a total of 3,750 tons of farmer stock peanuts (85% of the total contracted tons). The peanuts brought in from Fudge Buying Point all came in on semi-hopper bottom trailers, dried and graded. It was a very smooth transition from the trucks straight into our warehouse. Overall both the grade and quality were very good on the Foundation peanuts. We plan to complete our harvest by the middle of November.

## SIGHTS AROUND GEORGIA SEED



*FOUNDATION SOYBEANS IN PLAINS, GA*



*ROGUING AGS 738RR IN SOUTH CAROLINA*



*FOUNDATION SOYBEAN HARVEST IN PLAINS, GA*



*CURRENT PROGRESS ON NEW GRAIN BIN  
INSTALLATION IN ATHENS, GA*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

GEORGIA FLORIDA SMALL GRAINS EXPO  
JANUARY 4, 2022 PERRY, GA

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL FRUIT AND  
VEGETABLE CONFERENCE  
JANUARY 6-9, 2022 SAVANNAH, GA

GEORGIA PEANUT FARM SHOW  
JANUARY 19-20, 2022 TIFTON, GA

