



Georgia  
Conservation  
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Alliance

# FEBRUARY 2002 NEWSLETTER

## We Welcome These New Members

**John Eitzen**, Ashburn  
**Milton Mercer**, Omega  
**Gus G. Moore**, Resaca  
**Scotty Palmer**, Americus  
**Rob Rawlins**, Rebecca

## GCTA Annual Meeting - February 26-27, 2002 @ Perry

Plan now to be at the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of GCTA** on **February 26-27, 2002** at the **Holiday Inn** in **Perry**. It will be hosted by the Mid State Conservation Tillage Alliance.

The registration fee for the meeting is \$15 and this includes all meals. This \$15 fee also includes your GCTA membership fee for 2002. If your 2002 membership fees are paid, then your registration fee for the annual meeting is paid also.

*\*If you are planning on dining with us for supper on Tuesday, February 26, please notify Andy Page by Friday, February 22. His phone number is 478-987-2280, extension 3.*

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

### Tuesday, February 26

5:00 PM – Registration  
6:00 PM – Supper  
7:00 PM – Dr. Wayne Ates, Billed as the  
“Top Humorist in the Southeast”

### Wednesday, February 27

7:00 AM – Buffet Breakfast  
8:00 AM – Registration

8:30 AM – Opening Remarks

8:45 AM – *Developing a System for Sustainable Cotton Production with Conservation Tillage, Cover Crops, and Reduced Chemical Inputs*  
– Dr. Harry Schomberg

9:15 AM – *Research Update from the ARS Conservation Systems Research Team*  
– Dr. Wayne Reeves

10:00 AM – Break

10:15 AM – *The NC Soil Quality Team*  
- Mr. Bobby Brock

10:45 AM – Farmer / Alliance Panel

11:30 AM – Business Session

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:15 PM – Conservation Tillage Equipment Display  
- Scott Moore Farm

3:00 PM – Grand Door Prize

Additional door prizes will be given out during the day.

Motel rooms at the **Holiday Inn** are being held under the name “GCTA” for \$49 per night. Call them at 478-987-3313 to make your room reservation.

## Research Needs

We need your help.

**Dr. Wayne Reeves** of USDA-ARS wants our input and comments on conservation tillage research needs.

Prior to the 2002 GCTA Annual Meeting, think about pressing problems that need to be solved in order to keep agriculture in the Southeast viable. Discuss conservation tillage research needs with you friends and neighbors. Bring these ideas to the GCTA Annual Meeting to discuss with Dr. Reeves.

## Photo Gallery



Crimson clover in continuous strip-till cotton in Cook County on the Benefield Farm - the 5<sup>th</sup> year the clover has reseeded.



Grain sorghum growing in concrete under a shelter. Lamar Black is a good farmer, but we did not know he could do this.



Rebecca Byrd and Julia Gaskin using the NRCS Soil Quality Test Kit at Chip Free's Farm near Marshallville.

## Calendar of Events

**GCTA 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, February 26-27, 2002 @ the Holiday Inn in Perry - Contact Lamar Black @ 478-982-4285 or [gcta-ga.org](http://gcta-ga.org).

**25<sup>th</sup> Southern Conservation Tillage Conference for Sustainable Agriculture**, June 24-26, 2002 @ Auburn, AL. Contact Kirk Iversen @ [kiversen@acesag.auburn.edu](mailto:kiversen@acesag.auburn.edu) or 344-844-4741. The conference web site is <http://www.ag.auburn.edu/nsdl/sctsca/>.

## Conservation Tillage Alliances in GA

Georgia Conservation Tillage Alliance, Inc. – 1993  
Coffee County Conservation Tillage Alliance, Inc. – 1994  
East Central GA Conservation Tillage Alliance – 1998  
Mid State Conservation Tillage Alliance – 2000  
Southeast Georgia Conservation Tillage Alliance – 2001

## GCTA Board Members for 2001

Lamar Black, President, Millen  
Roger Smith, Vice-President, Abbeville  
Brian Ponder, Secretary, Omega  
Max Carter, Treasurer, Douglas  
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