

SOUTHERN PEANUT GROWERS CONFERENCE SET FOR JULY

Mark your calendars for the 27th Annual Southern Peanut Growers Conference, July 21-23, 2026, at the Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort, Panama City Beach, Florida. This year's conference offers farmers an opportunity to learn more about legislative issues, peanut promotions and production issues.

The registration fee for growers is \$275 which includes all conference events and meals. The registration deadline is June 15. The registration fee increases by \$75 on June 16.

The theme for this year's conference, "Farming is a Circus," plans to focus on the struggles farmers face with health, weather, mental health and a Washington update.

The conference schedule and registration information is available at www.southernpeanutfarmers.org.

Conference Schedule

Tuesday, July 21

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration
6:30 p.m. Welcoming Reception
7:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner and A Night at the Peanut Circus
Sponsored by Syngenta
Featuring AscenDance Entertainment

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
When It's Too Bad to Bring in the Clowns, Pray!
Don Koehler, senior executive director of the Georgia Peanut Commission

8:30 a.m. General Session I
Juggling it All: Stress, Strength and Health in Farm Life
Dr. Marsha Davis, Dean of the University of Georgia College of Public Health and Aging
Dr. Lisa M. Renzi Hammond, Professor of Innovation in Public Health
Dr. Jenay Beer, Associate Professor at the UGA Institute of Gerontology
Dr. Christina Proctor, Clinical Associate Professor, UGA College of Public Health

10:00 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:30 a.m. Ladies Program
Circus of Flavors by Mallory's Munchies
Features a Charcuterie Board Demo with Mallory Thompson

10:30 a.m. General Session II
Under the Big Top of Uncertainty: Weather in Modern Farming
Dr. David Zierden, Florida State University
Dr. Simer Virk, Auburn University
Dr. Marshall Lamb, USDA-ARS National Peanut Research Lab

Noon Luncheon
Under the Big Top: A Story of Pressure, Pride and Mental Health
Marshal Sewell, Mind Your Melon

Thursday, July 23

7:00 a.m. Farm Press Peanut Efficiency Awards Breakfast

9:00 a.m. General Session III
Tightrope Talks: From the Field to Capitol Hill
Bob Redding, The Redding Firm

High-wire Dreams: Featuring young farmers in a panel discussion
- Garrett Moore, Alabama - Jeffery Pittman, Florida
- Adam Curles, Georgia - Mary Katherine Harrington, South

Carolina

10:15 a.m. Refreshment Break

Conference concludes