The 14th Annual Southern Peanut Growers Conference is set for July 19-21, 2012 at Edgewater Beach Resort, Panama City Beach, Fla. The three-day event provides farmers an opportunity to learn more about the industry and issues affecting them while also enjoying a relaxing time at the beach.

This year’s conference general sessions provide farmers with information on how the peanut industry is helping fight world hunger, legislative updates, uncontrollable costs on the farm and peanut research.

During the luncheon on Friday, Charlie Arnot, CEO of the Center for Food Integrity and president of CMA, a consulting company with offices in Missouri, Iowa and Ohio, will address the attendees on consumer perceptions regarding agriculture. The Center for Food Integrity is a national non-profit organization dedicated to building consumer trust and confidence in the U.S. food system.

In addition to the conference sessions, the event focuses on the family by offering a ladies program and a golf tournament.

Conference registration information is available online at www.southernpeanutfarmers.org or farmers should contact their state grower organization for a registration form. Deadline to register is June 30, 2012. Hotel registration must be made separately with Edgewater Beach Resort by calling 1-800-874-8686. When reserving rooms, be sure to ask for the Southern Peanut Growers Conference rate.

### 2012 Southern Peanut Growers Conference Tentative Schedule

#### Thursday, July 19

- **1:00 - 7:30 p.m.** Conference Registration
- **7:00 p.m.** Welcoming Reception - Sponsored by Devgen
- **7:30 - 10:00 p.m.** Welcoming Dinner - Sponsored by Bayer CropScience

#### Friday, July 20

- **6:45 a.m.** Registration Open
- **7:00 a.m.** Prayer Breakfast - Sponsored by Valent
- **8:15 a.m.** General Session I - Nutrition, Health & World Hunger
  - A Vision for Peanuts, World Hunger & Obesity - Jim Leek, JLA
  - RUTF & RUSF as a Marketing Opportunity - Stephanie Grunenfelder, American Peanut Council
- **9:30 a.m.** Spouse Program
- **9:45 a.m.** General Session II - Uncontrollable Costs
  - Weather - David Zierden, State Climatologist for Florida State University Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies (COAPS)
- **Noon** Luncheon - Sponsored by BASF
  - Guest Speaker - Charlie Arnot, Center for Food Integrity
- **1:00 p.m.** General Session III - The Horizon for Research & Development
  - Evening on Your Own in Panama City Beach!

#### Saturday, July 21

- **6:45 a.m.** Registration Open
- **7:00 a.m.** Breakfast - Farm Press Peanut Profitability Awards
  - Sponsored by the National Peanut Board
- **8:45 a.m.** General Session IV - Washington: The Good, Bad and the Ugly
  - House Agriculture Committee - U.S. Representative Frank Lucas
  - Peanuts & Crop Insurance - Cliff Parks, AgriLogic Consulting LLC
- **Noon** Lunch on your own and afternoon free!
- **12:30 - 6 p.m.** Golf Tournament
- **7:00 p.m.** Reception
- **7:30 p.m.** Dinner and Entertainment - Sponsored by Syngenta