

HELTON BROTHERS FARMS

We have been using TRC products on our farm for 45 years. We grow cotton and peanuts, in addition to operating a cotton gin and peanut processing plant. We use a wide variety of TRC products, from cleaners to spindle lube.

The product with the biggest return on investment is Hydrate Plus NF. We use Hydrate Plus NF with everything we spray on our crops. During the most recent hurricane season, when hurricane Sally came through, other farmers experienced rotting and no yield from their crops, specifically their peanuts. Our farm was the only one in the area that had success with peanuts. We depended on Hydrate Plus NF with fungicides, combined with a consistent spray program, and it really made a difference. Regularly spraying fungicides over the crops with Hydrate Plus NF enabled us to keep the crops safe even in the harsh conditions that came with being near the gulf. In November we dug peanuts up and had no rotting of the nuts or the plant.

As for cotton, we use Hydrate Plus NF with all herbicides, fungicides, and insecticide applications. When using Hydrate Plus NF, our go to rate with all chemicals is 1 pint per 100 gallons. In dry years, we bump to 1 quart per 100 gallons. The most impressive results are when we add Hydrate Plus NF to the cotton defoliant every year. Hydrate Plus NF allows the defoliant to soak into the cotton-boll better and allows the boll to open further, resulting in better/cleaner cotton harvest. For spindle lube on the pickers, we only use Polytemp Pressure & Spindle Lube. We see the same results today as we did 25 years ago when we first started using it. Prior to switching to Polytemp, we would hear rattling on the spindle bar after about 5-6 hours of operation, when using other greases such as John Deere. With Polytemp, there is still a nice film of lubricant over the spindle many hours later. The consistency year to year while using Polytemp is one of the reasons we won't use anything else in our operation.

We have trusted TRC's products for enough years to know nothing is better. We have approximately 2,000 acres of cotton and use about four drums of Polytemp per year. This is 1,660 pounds of grease, which equates to less than a pound per acre, at \$2.74 per acre. We have saved time and man hours by not having to regrease every 5-6 hours. Time is money and any time not harvesting during the day is money lost! We use Polytemp because we know it will handle the hard work and more!

We operate many different pieces of equipment that have all been running Universal Torque Fluid from the start. The oldest equipment is a 45-year-old tractor that's been running UTF all these years and has experienced ZERO issues with the transmission, hydraulics, or brakes. When transmissions can cost around \$30K, we say there is no reason you shouldn't be using a good product like Texas Refinery Corp's torque fluid. The product has proven itself to be the best. After using TRC products for decades, no doubt we have protected hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment and thousands of acres of crops.

Thank you,
Rodney Helton

