

2022 CYBERATTACK PROTECTION

The Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council hosted two presentations concerning preparation for a ransomware/cyberattack at the Cooperative Managers Conference on July 14 in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The three presenters were:

- **Douglas Edwards**, Calcot-Bakersfield, California
- **Randy Daniels**, Triangle Insurance-Enid, Oklahoma
- **Bill Curnow**, Plains Cotton Cooperative Association-Lubbock, Texas

The following list includes some of the takeaways presented about the future of protecting agriculture against the possibility of a cyberattack:

- Create a resilient backup strategy for your data.
- Train the staff to recognize the characteristics of an attack.
- Develop business continuity and incident response plans.
- Have a backup communication system in place in the event your email system goes down.
- Develop a plan should you have a wire transfer get hacked.
- Use multi-factor authentication for sign-ins.
- Deploy Endpoint Detection & Response.
- Assume people won't follow the rules.