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Program Surveys

Attached with this newsletter is a program evaluation survey. Several different surveys are being mailed at random. These surveys are for you to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the IPM Program with relation to cotton or corn and the IPM Newsletter. This is also a means for you to make suggestions on how the IPM Program can be modified to better fit your needs. Include comments on the scouting program, applied research projects and the newsletter.

Please complete this and return it to me at: Stephen Biles, P.O. Box 86, Port Lavaca, TX 77979.

As always you can call me to with your input as to how the IPM Program can best help your farming operation. I am always looking for your input; your input will help keep this program relevant.

2006 Crop Demonstration Review

A meeting will be held to present the results of the applied research projects and demonstrations conducted in Victoria and Calhoun Counties on **Tuesday, Nov. 14** at the Victoria County 4-H Activity Center, 259 Bachelor Drive near the Airport Terminal. Two hours TDA pesticide CEU's will be offered; one (1) IPM and one (1) General. Making presentations will be extension specialists Steve Livingston, Agronomist, Roy Parker, Entomologist, Tom Isakeit, Pathologist, Zan Matthies and Joe Janak, County Extension Agents, Ag/NR, and Stephen Biles, County Extension agents, IPM; and James Grichar, Experiment Station Research Scientist. One of the major topics of discussion will be the recent incidence of Asian Soybean Rust and its implications on future rust episodes and farmer responses.

Asian Soybean Rust Update

Last week, Tom Isakiet, Extension Pathologist from College Station, found Asian Soybean Rust in four soybean fields of Victoria and Calhoun Counties. This **does not** mean that soybean production in South Texas is no longer a viable option. The disease can not survive without a live host plant and cold winters should take care of soybeans or other hosts such as kudzu. It is assumed at this time that an infection would have to come from either southeast Texas or from out of state.

One tip for farmers: planting soybeans early versus late in the season should provide upfront protection as the crop matures. Using the approach of escape, by growing the crop earlier than the disease develops, can be an effective IPM tactic.

A discussion on this disease will be part of the Crop Demonstration Review to provide an outlook for the 2007 soybean production year.

Publications on Stink Bug Identification and Asian Soybean Rust ID are available at:

<http://calhoun-tx.tamu.edu/Publications.cfm>

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