

Survey to Estimate the Economic Impact of the Sugarcane Aphid

Dear Texas Grain Sorghum Producer,

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by a team of researchers from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and supported by the Texas Sorghum Producers Association. The purpose of this research is to estimate the economic impact of the sugarcane aphid outbreak on Texas' sorghum industry and economy.

Your participation will involve filling out a short survey regarding your personal perceptions about the crop damage that you have experienced, as well as the efforts you have done to control the pest. Completing the survey should not take more than 5-10 minutes of your time.

The link to the survey is provided below.

<http://bit.ly/scasurvey>

Simply type this address (all lowercase letters) into the address bar of your Internet Browser.

We will do everything we can to protect your privacy. Neither your name nor address will be requested in the survey. Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to participate and you may withdraw your consent to participate at any time. You will not be penalized in any way should you decide not to participate or to withdraw from this study.

If you have any questions or concerns about this study or if any problems arise, please contact Dr. Samuel Zapata at samuel.zapata@ag.tamu.edu or (956) 968-5581. If you have any questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Texas A&M University Human Subjects Protection Program office by phone at 1-979-458-4067, toll free at 1-855-795-8636, or by email at irb@tamu.edu.

Thank you for your time and input.

Sincerely,

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