

# WEST PLAINS IPM UPDATE

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Cochran, and  
Lamb Counties  
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## AgriLife Extension to Offer TDA-Mandated Trainings for Dicamba-Tolerant Cotton Use

The Texas Department of Agriculture will require special training in 2018 for new auxin herbicides applied under a Section 3 approval on dicamba-tolerant and 2,4-D-tolerant cotton. To meet this requirement, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Hockley, Cochran and Lamb counties will host a series of trainings:

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup> West Plains Ag Conference**  
**Jan 22 Levelland Extension Office 10a**  
**Jan 23 Risk Management Conference, Cagles, Lubbock**  
**Jan 24 Morton Extension office 10a**  
**Jan 26 Littlefield Show Barn 10a**  
**Feb 21 Levelland Extension Office 9a**  
**Feb 21 Littlefield Show Barn 1p**  
**Feb 22 Morton County Extension Office 10a**  
**March 21 Littlefield Show Barn 9a**  
**March 21 Levelland County Extension Office 1p**  
**March 22 Morton County Extension Office 10a**

The programs will each be one hour in length (see times above). There will be no registration fee. Each class will provide one TDA continuing education unit on laws and regulations.

TDA is requiring auxin-specific herbicide training for those using the new formulations of dicamba (Xtendimax, FeXapan and Engenia). The auxin training is required for all applicators including licensed applicators and unlicensed applicators who spray under a licensed applicator. Xtendimax, FeXapan and Engenia were approved for use in XtendFlex, the dicamba-tolerant cotton from Monsanto. Training is not required for the use of Enlist, the new 2,4-D tolerant cotton from Dow AgroSciences. However, the information provided will still be applicable for producers planning to use Enlist technology. Enlist is included in several varieties in the PhytoGen Cottonseed company brand while XtendFlex is in several varieties from Deltapine, Americot/NexGen, All-Tex/Dyna-Gro and CROPLAN Genetics brands. The training is not required for old formulations such as Weedmaster, Clarity or Banvel, because these products are **NOT** labelled for use in cotton. Last year there were issues in other cotton-growing regions. Fortunately, there were very few issues reported in Texas. As we plan for our 2018 cotton crop, we want to be proactive and promote stewardship of the new dicamba formulations so we can maintain the technology in Texas. Environmental Protection Agency approved the registration for XtendiMax, FeXapan and Engenia, as a two-year conditional registration.

More information about the requirements from TDA can be found at  
<https://agrilife.org/texasrowcrops/current-news/>.

## Private Pesticide Applicators Training 2018 Cochran, Hockley and Lamb Counties

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer the required private Pesticide Applicators Training (PAT) in Morton, Levelland and Littlefield throughout 2018. This training is required by Texas Department of Agriculture before taking the exam for obtaining the license. A private pesticide applicator is a person who uses or supervises the use of a restricted-use or state limited-use pesticide or a regulated herbicide for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity. This license is not for those receiving monetary compensation for a pesticide application.

To participate in a training individuals must call 806-894-3159 by 3pm the day prior (Wednesday) to the trainings in Levelland; or 806-266-5215 by 3pm the day prior to any trainings in Morton. The trainings will begin promptly at 1pm at the Extension Offices (see addresses below). There is a \$60 fee for training materials. This is only the required training. Testing will be conducted at a separate time and location. Future PAT Trainings:

- **January TBA Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue**
- February 22 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- March 22 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- April TBA Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- May 10 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- June 21 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street 5
- July TBA Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- August 16 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- September 13 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- October TBA Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- November 29 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street

*Texas A&M AgriLife Extension seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any educational meetings. Please contact us to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require a week in advance of training.*

## See You On The Radio



Wednesdays from 7:30 am to 7:45 am.

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