



Randall County Ag. News

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MONTHLY SNAPSHOT OF AGRICULTURE IN RANDALL COUNTY

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News and Views Straight From the County Agent's Desk

Howdy! and Happy

New Year Everyone! I always like to start the new year, by sharing a recent Christmas photo of my immediate family. Each new year brings opportunities for creating new ideas, and this "Monthly Snapshot Ag. Newsletter" format is a new idea of mine. As you are aware my past newsletters were pretty detailed and sometimes perhaps a bit to lengthy. I realize, everyone is extremely busy and dedicating lots of time to reading a lengthy newsletter may not be possible. Therefore, I thought it might be somewhat helpful to everyone to condense my newsletter to a much shorter "Snapshot" version which will also assist me in hopefully publicizing more often. Please be aware that I still plan to publish the more in-depth newsletter, but only a couple of times a per year.



Current Crop Conditions

It's certain no hidden secret that it continues to remain extremely dry. According the National Weather service in Amarillo as of this writing we have had a total of 104 consecutive days of no significant rainfall. What does this mean, well it's not good.

Wheat—Dryland is in extremely critical state and in many cases leaves room for little chance of grazing or harvest. Irrigated suffering as well, but still has a chance to make, but rainfall needs to be plentiful immediately .

Cotton—Randall County producers had an excellent cotton year, with dryland acres yielding 1-2 bales per acer, and irrigated steady at 2-3 and in some cases a bit more. Across the board quality not as good. I anticipate seeing more cotton acers in Randall County again next year.

Corn/Silage— Fewer acres expected to be planted in 2018.

Sorghum— Two positive components to this years sorghum crop:.

- 1.) Sugar Cane Aphid pressure was light
- 2.) Yields were outstanding; Dryland 4-5,000 lbs. per acre and Irrigated— 5-7,000 lbs.

New Law for Producers— Must Attend "Auxin Training"

Questions/ Answers:

1. Auxin training is required prior to applying Engenia, Xtendimax or Fexapan herbicides for any labeled use. That includes labeled uses on dicamba tolerant crops, conventional crops and any labeled non-crop use.
2. No, this training is only required for the use of Engenia, Xtendimax or Fexapan herbicides. However, state restricted use does still apply to all dicamba and 2,4-D herbicides.
3. No, this training is only required for the use of Engenia, Xtendimax or Fexapan herbicides. Use of 2,4-d containing products including Enlist Duo and Enlist ONE do not require this training.
4. No, Auxin training is only required prior to applying. However, you still need to have an applicators license to purchase any dicamba or 2,4-d products.
5. No, Auxin training is not required to purchase seed or chemistry, it is only required prior to applying Engenia, Xtendimax or Fexapan herbicides.
6. Yes, annual auxin training is required prior to applying Engenia, Xtendimax or Fexapan each growing season.
7. Yes, anyone applying Engenia, Xtendimax or Fexapan must attend the auxin training each year before making applications and retain proof of the training for 2 years.
8. When measuring wind speed before AND after application; ensure wind speed and direction is recorded at boom height. To obtain an accurate measurement the applicator must take a sustained wind speed reading for two minutes while holding the measurement device in a stationary position. The average of the two minute reading will be the recorded reading to determine if an application can be made and is in accordance with the product label(s).

Pre-Plant Producer Update Meeting

Cost

\$10.00/participant

Payable at the Door

Lunch will be served

Please RSVP Your Attendance

By: Noon Tuesday February 6

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9:00am-2:00pm

Thursday February 8, 2018

Presented by:

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200 North Brown Road

Canyon, Texas 79015



- **9:00 am- *“Cotton Varieties- 2017 R.A.C.E Trial Results Across High Plains Region”***
Presented by Dr. Jourdan Bell, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agronomist
- **9:45 am- Break**
- **10:00 am-*“Recap of 2017 Sorghum Production Season/SCA Update-Studies and Results”***
Presented by Dr. Ed Bynum, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Entomologist
- **10:30 am- *“How Does Mycotoxin Develop? Prevention Methods to Consider? ”***
Presented by Dr. Jourdan Bell, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agronomist
- **11:00 am- *“Crop Insurance Update; Rules and Payments Associated with Mycotoxin”***
Presented by: Rachel Myers, Myers Crop Insurance
- **12:00 pm- *“Wrap Up/Questions/Discussion” LUNCH WILL BE SERVED***
2 CEU's will be provided- 1 General; 1 Drift Minimization
- **1:00-2:00 pm- 1 CEU *“Auxin Training”- will be provided***
(New Law for 2018- All Producers are required to be trained if planning to apply the following herbicide products this upcoming crop season; Engenia, Xtendimax or Fexapan)
Presented by: Dr. J. D. Ragland- Texas A&M Extension Service- CEA ANR Randall

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