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UPDATE

News about
Integrated Pest
Management in
Hockley,
Cochran, and
Lamb Counties
from
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General Situation



Let me first say that we have now confirmed the presence of Sugarcane Aphid (SCA) in **grain sorghum** in Hockley County as of Tuesday, August 8th. The two fields I confirmed the SCA in were planted in April, and so were fairly mature. I have not found them in any of this young replanted milo, yet. These two confirmed fields have or will be sprayed. I would highly suggest that you begin weekly inspections of all grain sorghum fields. Scout! Here is the link to the management guide:

http://lubbock.tamu.edu/files/2016/05/ENTO-035_Sugarcane_Aphid-Management_2016.pdf

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Peanuts are doing very well at this point with mostly excellent health of pods and foliage. Most everyone is doing a great job of staying on top of weeds and irrigating around rains. As we move into mid and late August be mindful of weather changes to cooler temps and more moisture such as from morning dews. These conditions are conducive to disease development.

Cotton is ranging from just beginning to bloom with 8 nodes above white flower to physiological cut-out with 5 or fewer nodes above white flower. The latter should hit the target of forming that last boll by August 20 and blooming out the top. The only pest detected in cotton has been a few scattered cotton aphids. Be careful applying late nitrogen as this can encourage aphid infestations. Beneficial insects have been almost nonexistent this summer. We are starting to see a few more now with the various aphids showing up. Watch for worms on non-Bt fields. Scout!

Private Pesticide Applicators Training 2017 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 2017. 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; 806-385-4222 ext 235 by 3pm the day prior (Wednesday) to the trainings in Littlefield; 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:

- August 28 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- September TBA Littlefield Extension Office, Courthouse, Room B-5
- October 19 Levelland Extension Office 1212 Houston Street
- November 6 Morton Extension Office 200 W. Taylor Avenue
- December TBA Littlefield Extension Office, Courthouse, Room B-5

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

I want to publically thank Eddie Griffiths for having us IPM agents involved in his radio show for all these years. In the infinite wisdom of some communications company experts they thought sports programming was the way to go vs. an ag show. Thank you Eddie!



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

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Fall Production Meeting



Tuesday, August 15, 2017

2 Laws & Regs, 1 IPM CEU available

Meal Provided by Texas Tech Meats Lab

Activity Building - 200 W. Taylor, Morton, Texas

Agenda:

9:30-10:00a.m. - Registration

10 to 11a.m. - Kendra Bilbrey, CEA-Ag Cochran, Worker Protection Standards

11 a.m. to 12 p.m - Cheryl Goswick, TDA

12 to 1 PM - Meal

1 to 2 PM - Kerry Siders, IPM Cochran, Lamb & Hockley County, Updates - Sugarcane Aphid, other insect pests, weeds, disease, harvest aids, etc.

2 to 2:15 PM - Q & A - Evaluation

Contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Cochran County at 806-266-5215 for additional information or to request any special accommodation relating to hearing impairment or other special need

COCHRAN COUNTY

BIENNIAL FARM FAIR

SEPT 13TH



COUNTY
AG BARN

9:00 AM

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