



T-Y IPM News

Terry - Yoakum Pest Management Association



Extension to Partner with FSA to Provide Educational Training on the new ACRE Program

A new optional farm program, Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE), was added by the 2008 Farm Bill. ACRE is an alternative revenue-based safety net to the price-based safety net provided by counter-cyclical payments (CCP) beginning with the 2009 crop year. A decision to elect ACRE may be made in any of the crop years 2009-2012 but the ACRE election is irrevocable and cannot be changed once a farm number is signed into the program. Texas AgriLife Extension will be partnering with USDA-FSA to help producers make a decision on the ACRE program. Producers who choose to sign up for the ACRE program will be giving up all of their CCP payment as well as 20% of their direct payment and a reduction in their marketing loan rate by 30%. ACRE payments will be made only when two conditions are met. The first condition is met when the Actual State Revenue (price x yield) falls below the State ACRE Guarantee. The second condition is met when the Actual Farm Revenue falls below the Farm ACRE Guarantee.

Texas AgriLIFE Extension, Terry County will sponsor an educational program to teach producers and landowners about the ACRE program and how to use an online software decision-aid April 13 at 9:30 AM. The meeting will be held at the Brownfield City Hall (201 West Broadway) in the Council Chambers. The meeting will conclude before lunch. Contact Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Terry County for more details, 806-637-4060.

Pesticide Applicator Training and Worker Protection Training

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service Terry County will provide Pesticide Applicator Training and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will provide Worker Protection Standard Training, **April 29th in Meadow.**

Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing: Persons needing to obtain a Texas Department of Agriculture Private Applicator License are those individuals who are involved in the production of an agricultural commodity. This training is NOT FOR THOSE WHO ARE APPLYING PESTICIDES FOR HIRE. Training will be in Meadow at the **West Texas Agriplex office, 510 Lubbock Highway.** Training will begin at **9:00 AM** and testing by TDA will be at 1:00 PM. There is a **fee of \$25.00** for the study materials. For more information contact the Terry County Extension office at 806-637-4060.

Worker Protection Standard (WPS)

This is required for all who work around pesticides, training in Spanish will begin at 9:00 AM at the Meadow Coop Gin office followed by training in English at 10:30 AM. April 29th.

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Upcoming Events

Newsom Vineyard Day: April 24, 9:00 AM at Newsom Vineyards north of Plains, TX. The barn is located on FM 2196, 1.5 miles east of Highway 214. CEUs will be offered for Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide applicators.

Water Wise Landscape Workshop: The South Plains Underground Water Conservation District is sponsoring a Water Wise Landscape workshop, April 18, 8:00 AM to 12 noon at the First Christian Church in Brownfield. For more details contact SPUWCD at 806-637-7467.

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Sign up for Terry-Yoakum IPM Scouting Program

We are beginning to sign up acres for the 2009 Integrated Pest Management field scouting program. The acreage sign-up is on a first come, first serve basis. The Terry-Yoakum Counties Integrated Pest Management program will only accept 2500 acres. The money will go toward paying the scouts wages and mileage. I will hire one or two field scouts (depending on acreage) that will be sent to an extensive scout training school and will constantly be monitored and trained by me throughout the season. Having a crop advisor, field scout may be thought of as "cheap insurance" for your production risks. While Bt technology protects cotton from various caterpillar pests, it does not impact other pests like thrips, cotton fleahopper, and Lygus bug. Consider that one unnecessary spray application for one of these pests or one infestation that goes unnoticed could pay for the price of scouting. What would be the value of an additional set of eyes in the field and an objective reporting of the pest pressure?

We will scout peanuts for insects and diseases. We will scout once per week until insect or disease pressure dictate more often is required. I will also assist producers with irrigation and harvest decisions. With our shortened time between rotations insect and disease problems are becoming more abundant, therefore it is essential to monitor peanuts closely throughout the growing season to maximize profitability.

A scouting report will be prepared for each field as it is scouted. The report will contain information on specific pest numbers, beneficial insect numbers, growth stage of the crop and economic thresholds. A copy will be provided to the producer and I will discuss pest control options with each producer as needed. I will assist producers with irrigation and harvest aid decisions. A newsletter is mailed out approximately bi-weekly. The newsletter contains timely information on insect and disease activity and current research being conducted on these specific problems.

Contact Scott Russell or Rae Cox for details and to sign up your acreage (806)637.8792.

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