

BLACKLAND BULLETIN

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ROAD SHOW PRODUCTION MEETINGS: JAN. 14 - FEB. 5

Pest Management Meetings

Speakers: Drs. Charlie Cahoon, Wes Everman, Dominic Reisig, & Lindsey Thiessen

Date/Location: **Jan. 14** (Plymouth), **Jan. 16** (Bath), **Feb. 4** (Fairfield)

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (lunch provided)

2 hours of X, N, D, O pesticide credits will be available.

V trainings will be available before or after the road show meeting.

Agronomic Meetings

Speakers: Blacklands Ag Agents, Drs. Ron Heiniger, Rachel Vann, & Luke Gataboni

Date/Locations:

-Jan. 17th - Ponzer - 10 am - 12 pm (lunch provided)

-Jan. 29th - Pinetown - 8 am - 10 am (breakfast provided)

-Feb. 5th - Columbia - 10 am - 12 pm (lunch provided)

No pesticide credits available.

See attached calendars for meeting details!

BLACKLAND COTTON MEETING - FEBRUARY 12TH

Location: Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)

Speakers: Drs. Collins, Edmisten, Huseh, & Reising

8:00 am - 10:00 am (breakfast provided)

2 hours X, N, D, O credits

Auxin training will follow from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

ANNUAL AUXIN TRAINING

Everyone planning to apply dicamba (Engenia, FeXapan, Tavium, or XtendiMax) to Xtend cotton or soybeans or 2,4-D (Enlist Duo or Enlist One) to Enlist cotton or soybeans MUST complete the annual mandatory training prior to use in 2020. All applicators of these products must be certified or licensed commercial applicators.

There will be two opportunities to attend the auxin training in our area:

-**Jan. 14th** - Vernon James Center (207 Research Station Rd, Plymouth) starting at 9:00 am. (Pest Management Road Show meeting will start at 10 am)

-**Feb. 12th** - Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven) starting at 10:00 am. (After the Blackland Cotton Meeting)

The full auxin training schedule can be found at cotton.ces.ncsu.edu.

****NEW**** REQUIRED PARAQUAT TRAINING

New labeling of paraquat containing products, requires that any person who intends to use paraquat must be a certified private applicator (or licensed in an appropriate category), and is required to successfully complete the "How to Safely Use and Handle Paraquat-Containing Pesticides" training.

"Use" includes mixing and loading the pesticide; applying the pesticide; and other pesticide-related activities, such as transporting or storing opened pesticide containers, cleaning equipment, and disposing of excess pesticides, pesticide containers, and other paraquat-containing materials.

Paraquat training is available online at www.usparaquattraining.com. You must create a user name and password. Do not lose your login information! Once the certified applicator completes the training, a certificate will be automatically generated. Applicators are required to retain certificates of training completion. The training must be completed every three years.

This is only required for paraquat-containing pesticides with the new label. If you have product with the old label, you are not required to complete the training until you obtain product with the new label.

For a complete overview of the new requirements visit: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-workersafety/paraquat-dichloride-training-certified-applicators>

BLACKLAND FARM MANAGERS TOUR



Thank you to Coastal Carolina Gin, Mann Farms, & North Lake Farms for hosting the 2019 Blackland Farm Managers Tour! The 50th Blackland Farm Managers Tour will be held in Beaufort County at the Coastal Carolina Gin in Terra Ceia on August 5th.

CORN HYBRID & SOYBEAN VARIETY TEST RESULTS

Results from the 2019 Blackland area corn hybrid and soybean variety tests can be found online at hyde.ces.ncsu.edu or tyrrell.ces.ncsu.edu. The Hyde County results are attached!

NC OVT trial results can be found on their website: officialvarietytesting.ces.ncsu.edu

RESPIRATOR FIT TESTING

The Hyde County Health Department will offer respirator fit testing on Mondays and Wednesdays in February and March. Please call the health department at 926.4399 to make an appointment.

The NC Agromedicine Institute will offer respirator fit testing at the Washington County Extension center (128 E Water Street, Plymouth) on **February 21st**. Please call Christie at 793.2163 to make an appointment! They will also have a fit test event at the Beaufort County Extension center **February 26th**. Please call Sam at 946.0111 to make an appointment.

BLACKLAND FARM MANAGERS ASSOC.

ANNUAL MEETING & AG ECONOMIC UPDATE

Date: January 28th

Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm (lunch provided)

Location: Vernon James Center

(207 Research Station Dr, Plymouth)

Speakers: Dr. Joe Outlaw, Texas A&M University

Professor & Extension Economist and Dr. Blake

Brown, NCSU Professor of Ag & Resource Economics

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