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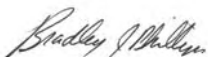
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GENERAL

Harvest is nearing completion (finally) and lots of preparatory field work has been done for next year. That being said, it is time to start the education process for growers and industry. Below are some upcoming educational programs for Jefferson County, the state, and some regional or national meetings.

JEFFERSON COUNTY MEETINGS

Chicken Litter- Agronomics and Application Educational Meeting Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Service Extension Conference Room November 25, 2008

- 7:45 a.m. Registration and Refreshments**
- 8:00 Welcome**
- 8:15 Agronomics of Chicken Litter Use - Dr. Leo Espinoza**
- 9:00 Chicken Litter Applications - Dr. Karl Vandevender**
- 9:45 Wrap up and adjourn**

Tri-County Agri Budgeting and Marketing Meeting Jefferson, Lonoke and Arkansas County- Cooperative Extension Services Jefferson County CES office December 16, 2008

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments**
- 8:45 Introductions - Don Plunkett**
- 9:00 Trent Roberts - "Hedging Strategies: What to do When Your Buyer Won't Buy"**
- 9:50 Short break**
- 10:00 Scott Stiles - Budgeting**
- 11:00 Short break**
- 11:15 Gene Martin- Markets and Trends**
- 12:15 Wrap Up - Susan Scott, Bradley Phillips, Grant Beckwith**
- 12:30 Sponsored lunch**

Tentative Agenda - Area Agri Conference – 2009

Tuesday - January 20, 2009 Soybeans

- 8:00 a.m. Introductions - County Overview - Don Plunkett**

8:20 Soybean Production - Jeremy Ross
9:10 Break
9:20 Plant Pathology Considerations of
Soybean Production – Scott Monfort
10:00 Weed Control Options for Soybean and Rice
Production - Bob Scott
10:50 Insect Control Options for Soybeans –
Gus Lorenz
11:30 GIS/GPS Considerations for Row Crops or
Combine Efficiency - Dharmendra Saraswat
12:00 Sponsored lunch

**Wednesday - January 21, 2009 Rice, Wheat,
Corn/GS**

8:00 a.m. Introduction, RRVP - Brad Phillips
8:30 Rice Production, Chuck Wilson
9:15 Break
9:30 Plant Pathology Considerations for Rice and
other crops, Cliff Coker
10:10 Fertility Management Considerations of Rice
and other crops, Nathan Slaton
10:50 Irrigation Considerations of Crops,
Phil Tacker
11:25 Open/ Jason Kelley
12:00 Sponsored lunch

**February 14, 2009 - PB/JC Clean and Beautiful
Commission/Jefferson County Cooperative
Extension Service and Jefferson County Master
Gardeners present the 2009 Home and Garden
Seminar and Show at the PB Convention Center
beginning at 8:30 a.m. Admission is free, and the
seminars provide much information on home
landscape and gardening.**

**2009 Master Gardener Training - March 12, 19
and 26 and April 2 and 9, at the Jefferson County
Extension office, 500 Idaho Street. Enrollment for
the 5-week class is \$55.**

ARKANSAS STATE MEETINGS

**Arkansas Soybean Research Conference
Brinkley Convention Center
December 9th**

The *2008 Arkansas Soybean Research Conference* will be held at the Brinkley Convention Center on December 9, 2008. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with research talks beginning at 8:30 a.m. This year's topics will focus on current research in soybean diseases, nematodes, soybean seed quality, and herbicide-resistant weeds. There will also be talks from three graduate students whose research was funded by the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board. Lunch will be provided after the conference. **Please RSVP by December 3, 2008. Call 534-1033 or email me at dplunkett@uaex.edu so we can get a head count for lunch. Thank you.**

**Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Conference
December 10, 2008**

The Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Board will host the *first ever* Corn and Grain Sorghum Producer Conference at the **Brinkley Convention Center** on December 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Conference will include presentations from UofA researchers that morning on efficient fertilizer utilization, improved agronomic practices, effective weed programs, and grain storage. After lunch, Scott Stiles will discuss different marketing strategies as well as give a market outlook. To wrap-up the afternoon, Helena Chemical will present a *Fertilizer and Other Input Outlook for 2009*. Make plans to attend.....there is no registration fee for the conference as check-off dollars will cover all costs for the conference. Contact: Matt King at matt.king@arfb.com

**Arkansas-Louisiana-Mississippi
53rd Annual Tri-State Soybean Forum
Oak Grove, LA
January 9, 2009**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Myrl Sistrunk, County Agent
West Carroll Parish
8:10 – 8:40 **Conventional Soybean Weed
Control Options**
Dr. Trey Koger, Associate
Extension Professor,
Mississippi State University

- 8:40 – 9:10 ***Soybean Seed Quality & Seed Availability***
 Dr. Richard Cartwright,
 Professor, Ext. Plant
 Pathology,
 University of Arkansas
 Extension
- 9:10 – 9:40 ***Soybean Seed Inoculation Concerns & Issues***
 Jeremy Ross, Extension
 Agronomist, University of
 Arkansas Extension
- 9:40 – 10:10 ***Late Season Soybean Insect Management***
 Dr. Roger Leonard,
 Professor, Macon Ridge
 Research Station, LSU
 AgCenter
- 10:10 – 10:30 **Break & View Exhibits, Posters**
- 10:30 – 11:00 ***Late Season Soybean Disease Management***
 Dr. Boyd Padgett, Professor,
 Macon Ridge Research
 Station, LSU AgCenter
- 11:00 – 11:30 ***Soybean Market Outlook***
 Jim Daven, Commercial
 Grain Cattle, Inc.
- 11:30 – 12:00 ***U.S. Soybean Board Update***
 (TBA)
- 12:00 – 12:30 ***Tri – State Soybean Producer Panel***
 Vendal Fairchild, Forest, LA;
 Joe Mencer, AR; TBA-MS
- 12:30 **Lunch**

Seed size, test weights and quality were very good although the yields were lower than anticipated. Page Walt said the average of the plots was about as good as they had this year.

Company	Variety	% moisture	Bu/A	Test Wt
Pioneer	95Y20	11.5	48	61.5
Syngenta NK	NKS52-F2	11.5	46	60.1
Hornbeck	HBKR5226	11.2	50	61.6
Delta Grow	DG5300	11.2	51	60.2
MorSoy	RC5332	11.3	50	59.5
Asgrow	AG 5304	11.5	56	60.3
Pioneer	95Y40	11.0	55	60.3
Stine	St5482-4	11.4	52	60.0
Pioneer	95Y41	11.4	49	60.3
Delta Grow	DG5555	10.9	47	60.9
Hornbeck	HBKR5525	11.1	47	60.6
Asgrow	AG5503	11.4	54	59.8
Pioneer	95M50	11.3	52	61.2
MorSoy	RT5506	11.3	49	60.5
Syngenta NK	NK553A1	11.3	43	61.5
Dyna-Gro	DG33X55	10.9	46	60.5
Schillinger	Schillinger 557	10.9	51	60.6
Ag South	AGS568	10.7	45	60.7
Ag South	AG5606	10.7	52	61.2
Dyna-Gro	DG32B57	11.2	35	60.4
Asgrow	AG5803	11.1	43	60.3
Pioneer	95Y70	10.7	40	59.1
Progeny	P5706	10.7	42	60.0

***Summary of Demonstrations** - A summary of all Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Service demonstration for 2009 is being compiled and will be available at the upcoming Area Agri Conference.

BELTWIDE COTTON CONFERENCE

San Antonio, TX
 January 5 – 9, 2009

2009 COOPERATORS NEEDED
Soybean Weed Demonstration

Soybean growers having heavy pigweed pressure are asked to let us know if you would be interested in participating in a new study of weed control efforts via variety and chemistry that differs from glyphosate.

Contact Don Plunkett or Brad Phillips (870-534-1033) for details on this new technology by year's end.

2008 GROUP V SOYBEAN IPM VARIETY DEMONSTRATION

The 2008 Jefferson County Group V Soybean IPM variety demonstration conducted on the J. P. Walt and Sons Farm, Altheimer, was harvested October 31, 2009. The plots averaged 48 bu/A over the 23 varieties tested.

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING (PAT)

The Pesticide Applicator Training set for Friday, November 7, 2008, was poorly attended although there are lots of people needing re-certification this year or early next year. Jefferson County Extension normally conducts PAT sessions in November and again in February even though we are only required to put on one training per year. Watch for another announcement soon about the next session to be offered.

FARM BILL MEETINGS

On November 12th, FSA and Farm Bureau released their selected meeting dates and locations: They are:

- *Nov. 18, DUMAS* - Convention Center
- *Nov. 19, BRINKLEY* - Convention Center
- *Nov. 20, MORRILTON* - Conway County Fairgrounds, all-purpose building
- *Nov. 24, JONESBORO* - Arkansas State University Convocation Center, banquet hall, lower red entrance
- *Nov. 25, HOPE* - University of Arkansas Experiment Station

Each meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend. FSA State Office Specialists will be conducting the training meetings.

Extension's web site has an array of farm bill materials. The web policy web page is:

<http://www.aragriculture.org/agfoodpolicy/default.htm>

Click on the 2008 Farm Bill Resource Center for a complete list:

http://www.aragriculture.org/agfoodpolicy/2008_Farm_Bill.htm

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