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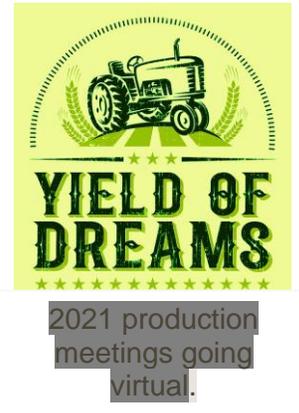
Dear Producer / Ag Industry Personnel

With the beginning of a new year and planting season starting in a couple of months, the Arkansas County Extension Service will be sponsoring several programs to bring you up to date on the latest information for crop management decisions. Please read over the following list for some opportunities available for you in 2021.

CROP PRODUCTION MEETINGS

Join us in January and February as the Division of Agriculture moves its winter production meetings online. Each webinar will begin at 1 p.m. We will hear from our agronomists and economists as well as our experts in irrigation, new technology, weed, insect and disease management. These meetings will be held on the Zoom platform. Please go ahead and register for these meetings now so that you are ready to login at the meeting time. Once you register you will receive an email with a link to login to the meeting. These login links should not be shared as they are unique to the registrant.

- **Jan. 12 — Corn production meeting — REGISTER NOW: <https://bit.ly/ARCorn2021>**
 - Corn and Grain Sorghum Hybrid Recommendations/Production Practices – Jason Kelley
 - Weed Control in Corn and Grain Sorghum – Tom Barber
 - Disease Management in Corn – Terry Spurlock
 - Corn Fertility – Trent Roberts
 - Insect Management in Corn and Grain Sorghum – Glenn Studebaker



- **Jan. 14 — Rice production meeting — REGISTER NOW: <https://bit.ly/ARRice2021>**
 - Agronomy – variety selection, seeding rates, harvest aids - Jarrod Hardke
 - Weed Science – applications, sedges, grass, technologies, resistance - Tommy Butts
 - Entomology – insect control, stink bugs, bill bugs, seed treatments - Nick Bateman
 - Pathology – fungicides and timings - Yeshi Wamishe
 - Fertility – Nitrogen and general fertility - Trent Roberts
 - Furrow - Irrigated Rice- Hardke, Justin Chlapecka
 - Live Q&A with all presenters

- **Jan. 21 — Cotton production meeting — REGISTER NOW: <https://bit.ly/ARCotton2021>**
 - Variety Selection - Bill Robertson
 - Cotton fertility - Matt Fryer
 - Cotton weed management - Tom Barber
 - Cotton disease and nematode management - Travis Faske
 - Cotton insect management - Gus Lorenz

- **Jan. 26 — Peanuts production meeting — REGISTER NOW: <https://bit.ly/ARPeanuts2021>**
 - Demo results/variety testing - Andy Vangilder
 - Weed management - Tom Barber
 - Insect management - Glenn Studebaker
 - Disease management - Travis Faske

- **Jan. 28 — Marketing, New Technologies, and Irrigation — REGISTER NOW: <https://bit.ly/2021AR-Mkt-Tech>**
 - Grain and cotton market outlook for 2021 - Scott Stiles
 - Crop Budgets 101 - Breana Watkins
 - Sprayer Technology - Jason Davis
 - Furrow irrigation - Mike Hamilton
 - Irrigation contest and school update - Chris Henry

- **Feb 2 — Soybean production meeting — REGISTER NOW: <https://bit.ly/ARSoybean2021>**
 - Soybean Update/Variety Technology Comparison - Jeremy Ross
 - Insect update/Heligen - Ben Thrash
 - Nematode management - Travis Faske
 - Soybean fertility - Trent Roberts
 - Soybean weed control - Tommy Butts

NEW PHONE NUMBER

We are in the process of getting a new phone system installed in the Extension Office in DeWitt. Once the system is activated, our phone number will change. All of our current numbers will be canceled.

The new number will be **870-659-2058**. This should be happening within the next few weeks so be aware if you receive a message that our current number is not working it's because the change has been completed. We will be notifying everyone about the change through social media, newspaper, radio, etc. once it goes live.

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF GETTING SICK

Follow CDC and Arkansas Department of Health recommendations:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wear a face mask.
- Use social distancing (stay at least 6 feet away from others)
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information on COVID-19 related issues visit our website at: www.uaex.edu/COVID19



EXTENSION'S ONLINE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP OFFERS WAY TO CONNECT

Nearly 15 percent of Arkansans — about 360,000 people — have diabetes, and 800,000 more residents have pre-diabetes, according to the American Diabetes Association's Arkansas Chapter.

The Cooperative Extension Service will offer "Day to Day with Diabetes" an 8-week online support group to connect with others who are managing diabetes or living with someone with diabetes. Participation is free, and registration is open at https://uaex.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eaJQYv1rDIWcsUI.

"Delta Day to Day with Diabetes" will meet from January 11-February 28, 2021. Virtual meetings will be offered on Mondays with additional resources in health, wellness, nutrition and fitness posted throughout the week. Some of the features will include a Monday meeting, Tasty Tuesday for sharing recipes, Wellness Wednesday, Think about it Thursday, Fitness Friday, and Wonderful Weekends.

For more information contact Alta Lockley, CEA-4-H/FCS at (870)946-6160 or email alockley@uaex.edu.

Our offices are open with limited access, and we are available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please contact us at any time for assistance as needed. We all wish everyone a safe and healthy 2021.