

## Greetings!

It is the beginning of a new year and although it is very cold, it is the time everyone is planning and thinking about the upcoming crop season.

## Row Crops Meeting

We are in the process of planning a row crops meeting and will let everyone know when we get a firm date.

## Newly Available Pest Control Publications

MP-144 Insecticide Recommendations for Arkansas. MP- 154 Arkansas Plant Disease Control Products Guide, and the MP-44 Recommended Chemicals for Weed and Brush Control have arrived at the office this week. Come by and pick up one or all three. These are also available on the website at:

<http://www.uaex.edu/publications/mp-144.aspx>

<http://www.uaex.edu/publications/mp-154.aspx>

<http://www.uaex.edu/publications/mp-44.aspx>

You can download or print out single pages or sections on-demand if you do not want the whole book or if you prefer digital copy.

## 2014 Arkansas Variety Testing Reports

Also newly available are the 2014 Arkansas Variety testing reports for Rice which I have enclosed. You may also visit <http://arkansasvarietytesting.com/> to access this and other variety testing reports.

## Arkansas Row Crops Blog

It has come to my attention that many of you do not know about the Arkansas Row Crops Blog <http://www.arkansas-crops.com/> The Arkansas Row Crops Blog is an excellent place to get timely updates on various cropping information. This is updated year round with information such as what is going on in verification fields, market reports, new publications, in-season pest alerts, etc.

## Free Soybean Nematode Testing

Extension is conducting free nematode testing for anyone interested in knowing if they have soybean cyst or root-knot in their fields. The process for collecting your samples is simple but needs to be done correctly as the test results are only as good as the sample that is received at the lab. Contact the Lafayette County Extension office for more information on this program and the sampling process. Please take advantage of this FREE service while it is available as there is usually a \$10 charge for this service and will only be free for a limited time.

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## Farm Bill Webinars

For those of you interested in farm bill information and have not been able to attend the various meetings that have occurred across the state there is a series of webinars available:

LITTLE ROCK – The first in a series of Farm Bill webinars that will extend through March, each covering a different facet of law and its effects on farming in Arkansas, have been scheduled through the month of January.

The webinars will be hosted by experts from the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and the Farm Service Agency and will run 20-30 minutes each and be followed by a Q&A. The webinars will help participants learn about Farm Service Agency, or FSA, Farm Bill programs and decisions specific to row crop production in Arkansas including:

- Base Acre Reallocation Yield updates
- Agricultural Risk Coverage, or ARC
- Price Loss Coverage, PLC
- Supplemental Coverage Option, SCO
- Web-Based decision aids

The team of panelists includes: Tony Franco, chief, Farm Programs Division, FSA; Anita Wilson, agricultural program specialist, FSA; and Robert Coats, professor and extension economist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. Brad Watkins, professor and economist for the Division of Agriculture will be fielding questions in the Jan. 20 webinar about the web-based Farm Bill decision aid.

Learning more about ARC and PLC and other farm bill features is extremely important for row crop producers who must make a one-time decision about base and yield updates by Feb. 27, 2015, as well as ARC or PLC election by March 31, 2015, Coats said.

Those wishing to participate must register for each webinar. Upon registration, they will receive an email confirmation with the link to join the webinar and the system requirements for Zoom, the webinar software.

The webinar schedule:

**Jan. 13, 9 a.m.: ARC/PLC Overview. Registration link:** <https://uaex.zoom.us/webinar/register/b5788ad654b990aa7510d14dfea9e911>

**Jan. 14, 9 a.m.: ARC/PLC Yield Updates. Registration link:** <https://uaex.zoom.us/webinar/register/f5d06d429a3c0aa5cde7dc3c8da9331e>

**Jan. 20, 9 a.m.: ARC/PLC Base Reallocations and web-based Farm Bill Decision Aid. Registration link:** <https://uaex.zoom.us/webinar/register/2afe8cfe92080e134538d7d4481ef37>

**Jan. 22, 9 a.m.: Price Loss Coverage. Registration link:** <https://uaex.zoom.us/webinar/register/bc20d3d579d0a2968c34be5db4a05ad8>

**Jan. 27, 9 a.m.: ARC - County Level. Registration link:** <https://uaex.zoom.us/webinar/register/2fef879916bbcea97510d14dfea9e911>

**Jan. 29, 9 a.m.: ARC - Individual Level. Registration link:** <https://uaex.zoom.us/webinar/register/6d02aed30be7c550cde7dc3c8da9331e>

Schedules for February and March webinars are yet to be announced.

For more information about the Farm Bill series contact your county extension office or visit [www.uaex.edu/farmbill](http://www.uaex.edu/farmbill).

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