# **COUNTY CROPLINE**



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#### VIRTUAL MEETINGS

🛕 All of our winter meetings this year will be online through Zoom. I will be emailing out links to register for these meetings soon. For security, you'll need to register for each meeting - if you would like help with registering, please contact me or the office and we can help you get registered, but you will still need an email address.

#### WHAT IS ZOOM?

>00m Zoom is an online meeting platform that allows people to video chat and share information at the same time. If you would like a set of printed instructions and information on how to use Zoom, please let me know!

## HOW AM I GOING TO GET PESTICIDE CREDITS?

You can still get pesticide credits! The NCDA&CS has stated that in order to get credit, you'll need to prove you attended the entire meeting by either keeping your camera on the whole time, or by answering polling questions through the meeting. For our meetings, we will have several multiple-choice polling questions that will pop up on your screen. Don't worry, you're not being graded!



You still need your pesticide license! At the end of the meeting, we will ask you to type your full name and pesticide license number in the chat box so we can be sure you get credit.

## WINTER MEETING SCHEDULE

- January 11th: Beaufort Co. Pest Management Meeting, 8:00 9:00
  - Speakers: Dr. Dominic Reisig & Dr. Lindsey Theissen
  - Pesticide Credits: 1 hour X, N, D, O credit
- January 12th: Martin Co. Tobacco Meeting, 9:00 11:00
  - Speakers: Drs. Matthew Vann, Hannah Burrack, & Lindsey Theissen
- January 19th: Hyde/Tyrrell Co. Pest Management Meeting, 8:00 10:00
  - Speakers: Drs. Charlie Cahoon, Wes Everman, Dominic Reisig, & Lindsey Thiessen
  - Pesticide Credits: 2 hours X, N, D, O credit
- January 27th: Washington Co. Corn & Soybean Meeting, 8:00 10:00
  - Speakers: Drs. Ron Heiniger, Rachel Vann, & Luke Gatiboni
- February 2nd: Washington Co. Pest Management Meeting 8:00 10:00
  - Speakers: Drs. Charlie Cahoon, Wes Everman, Dominic Reisig, & Lindsey Thiessen
  - Pesticide Credits: 2 hours X, N, D, O credit
- February 3rd: Blackland Cotton Meeting, 8:00-10:00
  - Drs. Guy Collins, Keith Edmisten, Dominic Reisig, & Charlie Cahoon
  - Pesticide Credits: Pesticide Credits: 1 hour X, N, D, O credit
- February 8th: Area Peanut Meeting, 2:00-4:00
  - Speakers: Drs. David Jordan, Rick Brandenburg, & Bob Sutter
  - Pesticide Credits: 1 hour X, N, D, O credit
- February 10th: Hyde/Tyrrell Co. Corn & Soybean Meeting, 8:00-10:00
  - Speakers: Drs. Ron Heiniger, Rachel Vann, & Luke Gatiboni
    - If you are unable to attend these meetings virtually, please let me know and I can work with you!

# PRIVATE APPLICATOR V CREDIT TRAINING

These are the credits you have to sit through 2 hours of Powerpoint material to get!

There will be 2 virtual V credit training opportunities on January 7th & January 28th from 8:00 - 10:00 AM.

If you need pesticide credits for a private applicator's license this year in order to keep your license from expiring, you should be receiving a bright pink letter from me stating how many X & V credits you still need.

## AUXIN TRAINING

Anybody planning to spray dicamba or 2,4-D in 2021 must complete the mandatory training Auxin Herbicides - Best Management Practices prior to use.

Drs. Charlie Cahoon & Wes

Everman will be offering a series
of 12 virtual auxin trainings on
Zoom from mid-January through
late-March. There is a separate
paper included in this envelope
with the training schedule and
attendee requirements.

I will be sending out an email soon with the Zoom link and passcode soon! If you would like help getting registered, let me know!

# PARAQUAT TRAINING

If you plan to use paraquat in 2021, make sure you are up to date on your mandatory paraquat training!

The EPA definition of "using" paraquat includes mixing, loading, applying, transporting, storing opened containers, cleaning equipment that has come into contact with paraquat, and disposing of paraguat and/or the container.

This training needs to be completed every 3 years, so if you completed it last year, you're good to go.

The training can be completed online here:

www.usparaquattraining.com.

Make sure you keep track of your login information and a record of when you last took the exam! I have no way to see who has taken the training online. If you are unable to complete the exam online or cannot remember if you took the training, please let me know.

#### PESTICIDE EXAMS

There will be a pesticide exam held at the Bob Martin Eastern Ag Center on February 11th at 1:00PM.

To take the exam, registration is required, masks must be worn, and payment is only accepted in the form of a check or money order at this time.

You can register online here: <a href="http://www.ncagr.gov/SPCAP/pesticides/exam.htm">http://www.ncagr.gov/SPCAP/pesticides/exam.htm</a>

The registration portal will close 48 hours before the exam date, attendance is limited, and walk-ins are not allowed. If you need to take the pesticide exam, register now! Additional pesticide exam dates and locations can be found here:

https://www.ncagr.gov/SPCAP/pesticides/docume nts/2021examschedule01042021.pdf



Due to COVID-19, in-person safety schools have been cancelled until further notice. Attending the school is NOT required in order to take the exam. However, if you would like to attend one, virtual options are still available. You can register here: <a href="https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashnetg/selfserve/BrowseCatalog.aspx?">https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashnetg/selfserve/BrowseCatalog.aspx?</a>
<a href="mailto:CNAME=SCHOOLS">CNAME=SCHOOLS</a>

Here's to 2021! I'm thankful for all that you do and look forward to working with y'all another year!

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If you are not on my email list and would like to be, please let me know!