Winter 2024

COUNTY CROPLINE

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Respirator Fit Testing

If you use paraquat or any other pesticide that requires respiratory protection, you are required to have respirator fit testing and medical clearance annually.

The NC Agromedicine Institute will be at the Washington County Extension Office on **Monday, January 8th** for respirator fit testing and medical clearance. **Please call the office to make an appointment!**

It will take about 20 minutes.

Cost

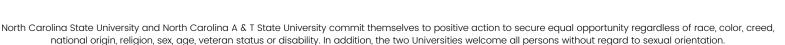
- Fit Testing & Medical Clearance: \$55
- Fit Testing ONLY: \$30
- Medical Clearance ONLY: \$30

Payment

- Credit card
- Check made out to ECU
- Can invoice the farm

Things to Note:

- Come either clean shaven, or with short mustaches, sideburns, and small goatees that are neatly trimmed
- Clean and bring the respirator you plan to use with you
- The Hyde County Health Department is <u>no longer</u> offering respirator fit testing.







Auxin Training

Required every year if you plan to spray a dicamba based herbicide.

Although it's encouraged, applicators using Enlist products are not required to receive auxin training.

Live Zoom Auxin Trainings

	Date	Time	Day of week
1	January 16	8:30 AM	Tuesday
2	January 31	8:30 AM	Wednesday
3	February 14	8:30 AM	Wednesday
4	February 27	8:30 AM	Tuesday
5	March 12	8:30 AM	Tuesday
6	March 26	8:30 AM	Tuesday

1 hour of X, N, D, O pesticide credits

- Run by Drs. Charlie Cahoon and Wes Everman
- You can buddy up and watch the training in groups, but you'll need to keep your webcam on.
- Registration link and passcode will be emailed out.

In-Person Auxin Trainings

1 hour of X, N, D, O pesticide credits

- Tuesday, January 9th 1:00 PM
 - Tidewater Research Station
 - (After the Dig Into Soils Meeting)

• Tuesday, February 6th - 10:00 AM

- Ponzer Community Building
- (Before the Cotton Meeting)

Paraquat Training

Required every 3 years if you are you are using paraquat.

Check your certificate - if you were trained in 2021, you need it again!

Online Paraquat Training

No pesticide credit

• Online exam can be completed any time at www.usparaquattraining.com

In-Person Paraquat Trainings

1 hour of X, N, D, O pesticide credits

- Tuesday, January 9th 2:00PM
 - Tidewater Research Station
 - (After Dig Into Soils Meeting)
- Tuesday, February 6th 9:00AM
 - Ponzer Community Building
 - (Before the Cotton Meeting)





I will NOT be able to offer "Friday's in February" this year for pesticide training of any kind. If you miss the in-person paraquat or auxin trainings listed, you will need to complete the online option.



Winter Production Meetings

Help us get a head count for catering!! Register for 2024 Blacklands Winter Meetings on the Washington County Extension website under the Washington County Agriculture tab.

washington.ces.ncsu.edu

• Dig Into Soils

- Tidewater Research Station
- Tuesday, January 9th, 10:00 12:00PM
- Drs. Luke Gatiboni, Mallory Choudoir, Adrienne Gorny & Steph Kulesza
- 1 hour X, N, D, O pesticide credit, CCA credits available

Blacklands Soybean School

- Ponzer Community Building
- Wednesday, January 24th, 10:00 3:00PM
- Drs. Rachel Vann, Luke Gatiboni, Mallory Choudoir, Blacklands Agents
- Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Trent Irby, Mississippi State University
- 2 hours X, N, D, O pesticide credit, CCA credits available

Blackland Corn Meeting

- Ponzer Community Building
- Monday, February 5th, 10:00 12:00PM
- Drs. Ron Heiniger, Dominic Reisig, Daisy Ahumada, & Charlie Cahoon
- 2 hours X, N, D, O pesticide credit, CCA credits available



Winter Production Meetings, Cont.

Blackland Cotton Meeting

- Ponzer Community Building
- Tuesday, February 6th, 11:00 1:00PM
- Drs. Guy Collins, Keith Edmisten, Dominic Reisig, & Charlie Cahoon
- 2 hours X, N, D, O pesticide credit, CCA credits available

• Martin - Washinton Peanut Meeting

- Williamston Farmers Market
- Wednesday, February 7th, 12 2:30PM
- Drs. David Jordan, LeeAnn Lux, & Ashley Collins
- 1 hr X, N, D, O pesticide credit

Private Pesticide Applicators Training

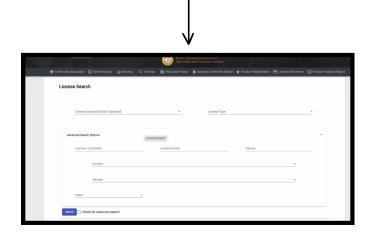
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- Tuesday, January 9th 8:00AM
 - Tidewater Research Station
 - (Before Dig Into Soils Meeting)
- Friday, January 19th 8:00AM
 - Virtual Zoom
 - $\circ~$ Link will be emailed out soon

• Monday, February 5th - 8:00AM

- Ponzer Community Building
- (Before the Corn Meeting)

You can check your credit status on the NCDA website.



Pesticide Exams

Upcoming In-Person Exams (Nearby)

Registration is required on the NCDA website.

If you would like to borrow a study manual, contact the Washington County Extension office. Additional testing dates and pesticide school locations are available on the NCDA website.

- Washington February 19th
 - Beaufort County Extension Office (115 Airport Rd)
 - Test at 1:00PM
- Manteo March 6th
 - College of the Albermarle Veterans Hall (205 Hwy 64 S)
 - Test at 1:00PM
- Raleigh January 17th, February 14th, & March 20th
 - Steve Troxler Ag Sciences Center (4400 Reedy Creek Rd.)
 - Test at 1:00PM

Thank you to all those involved with 2023 Extension test plots and events. I am blessed to work in a county where I feel at home no matter whose field or farm shop I am walking into.

I am expecting to be out on maternity leave from February to mid-May, and you likely will not be able to reach me on my cell phone. If you need assistance in that timeframe, please call the Washington County Extension office.

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-Jalynne Ward