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Langlade Ag-Letter

Pest Management Update Meetings

Madison-Producers and agricultural professionals are invited to attend one of a series of Pest Management Meetings to be hosted by University of Wisconsin-Extension during November.

Topics will include weed and insect management and disease control. "We have many topics and issues to discuss as we review this year, especially with the changing and challenging pests and new traits and technologies" said Chris Boerboom, weed scientist at UW-Madison/Extension.

Speakers at the meetings include Boerboom; Eileen Cullen, UW-Madison/Extension field crop entomologist; Mark Renz, UW-Madison/Extension weed scientist; and Paul Esker, UW-Madison/Extension field crop plant pathologist. This meeting will provide four hours of pest management continuing education credits for certified crop advisors.

All sessions start at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. Registration and coffee begins at 9:30 a.m. for all

sessions. The registration fee is \$30. This fee covers the cost of the information packet and the noon meal. The information packet will contain the 2008 Pest Management in Wisconsin Field Crops bulletin, with weed, insect and disease control recommendations for corn, soybean, small grains and forages, as well as other pest management reference materials. Additional copies of the information packet will be available for purchase at \$15 each.

Organizers request participants to pre-register with the host agent at least one week before the meeting they wish to attend.

Closest Locations

Nov. 7, Marshfield

(Matt Lippert, 715-421-8440)

Nov. 9, Arlington

(Randy Zogbaum, 608-742-9682)

Nov. 12, Fond du Lac

(Mike Rankin, 920-929-3170)

Nov. 13, Green Bay

(Mark Hagedorn, 920-391-4612)

SNAP Plus Updated—Free download

An updated version of SNAP-Plus nutrient management software was released on Sept. 21. You can download the new version for free at:

<http://www.snapplus.net/>

Some highlights of the changes made in this version include:

1) N, P, and K recommendations are based on the 2006 edition of A2809.

2) MRTN for corn has been added as an option for N recommendations for corn. This can be used for all, some, or none of the fields on a farm.

3) When N application rates exceed allowances in the 590, a message will appear telling you that too much N will be applied.

4) RUSLE2 now runs as a rotation as opposed to individual years, meaning it's more accurate.

5) There is now a grazing manure application calculator.

All the credit for these improvements go to Laura Good and Paul Kaarakka; they have been working long and hard on it. Questions, comments, etc. should be directed to the contact people on the web page.



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Nutrient Management Training

Over the last several years UW Extension has offered incentives to farmers wishing to write their own plan by providing the necessary training, offering an incentive payment for soil sampling, and delivering tech-support for SNAP Plus. We are offering the two classes again this fall for those who need to complete attendance at these two sessions and for those interested in starting their own plan. Phone registration (627-6291 Marie Land Conservation) is required; for lunches, materials, and copies of the new version of SNAP+. Instructors: Alex Crockford and Kevin Erb, UW Extension. Location: County Resource Building.

Oct 23. (Tuesday)

10:00—3:00 Planning Nitrogen

Oct 30 (Tuesday)

10:00-13:00 Planning P & K with SNAP Plus Overview

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does my silo hold?

<http://langlade.uwex.edu/ag/FAQuestions.html>

How much to custom harvest crops?

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ag/facstaff/rateguide.html>

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