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Extension Pest Management Bulletin

One of the best kept secrets for pest management information might be the bulletin **Pest Management in Wisconsin Field Crops**. Just imagine one convenient source with management information for corn, soybeans, forages, small grains and stored grains pests. In this case, “pests” includes more than just insects. The bulletin covers insect management plus weed and disease management in all of these crops.

The bulletin gives Wisconsin growers targeted information. It has herbicide ratings for most common weed problems and quick summaries of major herbicides in corn, soybeans, forages and small grains crops; insect thresholds, management recommendations and insecticide options for major insect pests; and a range of key disease management information like sampling methods, key symptoms, and fungicide options.

The Pest Management bulletin is updated

with new pesticide information and recommendations each year. The 2007 edition is available now for \$8.50 plus shipping and handling.

The bulletin can be ordered on-line at <http://cecommerce.uwex.edu/>. Click on agriculture and then click on crops and forages to find the bulletin. The bulletin is also available online at the same website. You may also contact your local county UW-Extension office for assistance. Many counties will have a limited number of copies available for sale at their office. “This one bulletin has answers to so many pest questions during the summer. It’s a great investment and may help you make one better decision or even prevent one costly mistake,” said Chris Boerboom, UW-Extension weed scientist.

For more information about the Pest Management Bulletin, contact us at the Extension Office 627-6236.

WisLine Programs

At our recent Extension fall conference we were engaged in discussion about how to offer more specialized training opportunities in counties like Langlade, geographically far from Madison and other farmer dense counties. The goal of Extension is to reach people where they live and work with research that makes a difference.

We decided to offer more opportunities for our farmers to engage in learning using the same technologies we use to communicate with one another.

One tool we often use is a state-wide teleconference system called WisLine. We use this weekly to keep abreast of research efforts and programming needs in our teaching areas. I have been using this in conjunction with a visual presentation to offer specialized training to our Master Gardeners on Tuesday nights. It works great and will offer us additional opportunities to receive specialized knowledge for smaller groups in the county.

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Dates to Remember:

- Nov 7 *WI Potato and Vegetable Storage Research Facility Open House: Hancock Ag Research Station 10:00 a.m. through lunch.*
- Nov 8-9 *Midwest Herd Health Conference Stevens Point (Crockford attending)*
- Nov 8 *Healthy Grown Potato 10 year Celebration, Madison*
- Nov 9 *Livestock Siting Technical Training Eau Claire (Crockford attending)*

- Nov 29-30 *Midwest Food Processors Assoc. Annual Meeting, Appleton, WI*
- Dec 5-7 *Great Lakes Fruit Vegetable and Farm Market Expo Grand Rapids, MI*
- Dec 6 *Soil and Water Management & Fertilizer Dealer Meeting, Shawano*
- Dec 7-9 *National Potato Council Potato Seed Seminar, Chicago*
- Dec 14 *Corn Hybrid Selection Workshop Langlade Resource Center*

WisLine: Corn Hybrid Selection



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The first WisLine program we'll be offering is on Corn Hybrid Selection. Due to the huge number of transgenic traits marketed in corn hybrids today, a significant challenge for farmers is to wade through all of the hype, advertising and information to select adapted hybrids for their farm. This morning program on December 14 (9:30 a.m.—12 p.m.) will be a state-wide opportunity for farmers and consultants to get the latest UW information on corn



hybrid selection.

Both dairy farmers and cash crop farmers know the importance of this annual management decision, it's one that carries a substantial cost.

The main goal is for farmers to leave the workshop with a "short list" of hybrids.

If you are interested in participating in this workshop, let me know and I will make sure that we have an adequate supply of 2006 UW Corn

Hybrid Trial books and the Hybrid Selection worksheet. Call us (627-6236) to get signed up.

Have an enjoyable and safe deer harvest!

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