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Agriculture Newsletter

POSITION CHANGE

This is my last newsletter as your Ag Agent and County Extension Director. I have taken the job of District Extension Director for the Northeast District which includes Edgecombe County and 21 other counties. In this role, I will be working with these counties on administrative and training issues to enable our offices to best meet your needs. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 28 years working for you in Edgecombe County and I truly appreciate the support you have given me and our office during this time.

I have asked Mitch Smith, retired County Extension Director and tobacco agent from Pitt County, to cover the field crop agriculture duties in Edgecombe until we are able to fill the position. Mitch has most recently served in an interim role in Hertford County and has already been engaged in making the transition for the county. Mitch can be contacted at mitch_smith@ncsu.edu or by cell at (252) 714-1445.

***Please note the date, times and locations of these meetings!**

AUXIN TRAINING MEETING

When: **Tuesday, February 11th at 10:30 am**
Where: East Carolina Ag & Education Center, 1175 Kingsboro Road
What: All farmers *and* applicators of auxin products in cotton or soybeans are required to attend this training annually to be able to apply auxin products.

REGIONAL COTTON MEETING

When: **Tuesday, February 11th at 12:00 pm**
Where: East Carolina Ag & Education Center, 1175 Kingsboro Road
Who: Dr. Keith Edmisten, NCSU Cotton Specialist
Dr. Guy Collins, NCSU Cotton Specialist
Dr. Charlie Cahoon, NCSU Weed Specialist
Dr. Dominic Reisig, NCSU Entomologist
What: Annual production update for Edgecombe, Nash & Wilson Counties featuring weed management with new herbicide technologies and the changing insect management challenges. There will be 2 hours of N, O, D & X pesticide credit. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am, so please call our office at 641-7821 to reserve a seat.

REGIONAL GRAINS MEETING

When: Thursday, February 13th at 10:00 am

Where: Wilson County Ag Center, 1806 S Goldsboro St, Wilson

Who: Dr. Ron Heiniger, NCSU Corn Specialist
Dr. Dominic Reisig, NCSU Entomologist
Dr. Rachel Vann, NCSU Soybean Specialist
Ryan Heiniger, NCSU Official Variety Testing

What: Production update for Edgecombe, Nash & Wilson Counties featuring our new soybean specialist and a better look at the variety testing program. There will be 2 hours of N, O, D & X pesticide credit. Lunch will be served at noon, so please call our office at 641-7821 to reserve a seat.

EDGECOMBE-NASH PEANUT MEETING

When: Friday, February 21st at 10:00 am

Where: East Carolina Ag & Education Center, 1175 Kingsboro Road, Rocky Mount

Who: Dr. David Jordan, NCSU Peanut Specialist
Dr. Barbara Shew, NCSU Disease Specialist

What: Annual production update for peanuts will feature disease management challenges with leafspot and current fungicides in addition to changing weed pressures and available varieties. There will be 1.5 hours of N, O, D & X pesticide credit. Lunch will be served at noon, so please call our office at 641-7821 to reserve a seat.

REGIONAL HEMP MEETING

When: Tuesday, February 25th at 9:00 am

Where: Rocky Mount Farmer's Market
1006 Peachtree Street, Rocky Mount

Who: Dr. David Suchoff, NCSU Alternative Crop Specialist
Philip Wilson, NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division



What: A look at what is currently known about growing hemp from a research perspective and how to work in the current regulatory program. No pesticide credit available as there are no pesticides registered for this crop.

RESPIRATOR FIT TEST

If you are in need of the respiratory fit test that is required of any pesticides that has a respirator requirement on the label then this is one option for you. The Agromedicine Program will be conducting this testing on Wednesday, February 12th from 9 am until 4 pm at the East Carolina Ag & Education Center on Kingsboro Road. Cost is \$25. The Agromedicine Institute offers medical clearance day-of fit testing for an additional \$20. **You must sign up ahead of time to have the proper paperwork by calling Kelsey Lichtenwalner at (252) 641-7821.**

**Accommodations for any meeting must be made 10 working days prior to the meeting at (252) 641-7821.

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