



Blackland Bulletin

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2018 Blacklands Area Winter Meeting Schedule

Date	Event	Time	Location	Pesticide Credits
1/4	Fairfield Road Show	9:30am – Noon	Harris' Steakhouse (6555 NC-94, Fairfield)	2 hrs X, N, D, O
	Private Applicator V Training	1:00pm – 3:00pm		2 hrs V
1/5	Plymouth Road Show	9:30am – Noon	Vernon James Center (207 Research Station Rd, Plymouth)	2 hrs X, N, D, O
	Private Applicator V Training	1:00pm – 3:00pm		2 hrs V
1/16	Ponzer Road Show	9:30am – Noon	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	2 hrs X, N, D, O
	Private Applicator V Training	1:00pm – 3:00pm		2 hrs V
1/23	Columbia Road Show	9:30am – Noon	Green Valley Farms (7014 NC-94 S, Columbia)	2 hrs X, N, D, O
	Private Applicator V Training	1:00pm – 3:00pm		2 hrs V
1/25	Aurora Road Show & Auxin Training*	9:30am – Noon	Granny Branch Farms (27880 NC Hwy 33 E, Aurora)	2 hrs X, N, D, O
	Private Applicator V Training	1:00pm – 3:00pm		2 hrs V
1/30	Pinetown Road Show	9:30am – Noon	Pinetown Volunteer Fire Department (7262 N Boyd Rd, Pinetown)	2 hrs X, N, D, O
	Private Applicator V Training	1:00pm – 3:00pm		2 hrs V
2/1	Blackland Cotton Meeting	7:30am – 10:00am	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	2 hrs X, N, D, O
	Auxin Training*	10:30am – 11:30am		

Area Auxin Trainings

Extension Agents in Beaufort, Hyde, Washington, and Tyrrell Counties will host two of these trainings in our area this year:

- January 25th 9:30 AM-Noon as a part of the Aurora "Road Show" at Granny Branch Farms
- February 1st 10:30 AM-Noon (after the Blackland Cotton Meeting) at the Ponzer Community Building

Labels for *Engenia*, *FeXapan*, and *XtendiMax* were recently revised. Those products are now classified as **Federal** Restricted Use Pesticides. They can only be sold by Licensed Pesticide Dealers and purchased only by licensed/certified (commercial and private) applicators.

The labels also state the following: "Prior to applying this product postemergence in-crop on dicamba-tolerant cotton or dicamba-tolerant soybeans for the 2018 growing season, and prior to each growing season thereafter, all dicamba applicator(s) including commercial applicators, private applicators, and non-certified applicators working under their direct supervision must complete dicamba or auxin-specific training. Training must be completed annually before each growing season."

North Carolina will again have Special Local Need (SLN) labels for the dicamba products and also for Enlist One and Enlist Duo. Those SLN labels will reinforce the mandatory training before application of all products mentioned above. **That training includes the person driving the sprayer.** Individuals completing the training will be issued a certificate which must be presented to the dealer before purchasing those products. **Persons completing the training in 2017 are required to take training again in 2018.** Company representatives will likely also offer stewardship training, but that training will not substitute for the training provided by the state.

Road Show Production Meetings

January is "Road Show" month. Mark your calendars to attend one of these informative meetings. Each "Road Show" meeting will begin at 9:00 am with registration. Presentations begin at 9:30 and end with a sponsored lunch. All meetings will include 2 hours of pesticide recertification credits in the X, N, O, D categories.

In the afternoon, a separate "V" training will be available for private pesticide applicators needing to re-certify their private pesticide applicator license in 2018. If you need credits by September 30, 2018, you will be receiving separate letter in the mail!

Blackland Cotton Production Meeting

The Blackland Cotton Production Meeting will be held at the Ponzer Community Building on February 1st and will begin with breakfast and registration at 7:30 am. Presentations will begin at 8:00 am and will end at 10:00 am. Speakers include Drs. Keith Edmisten, Guy Collins, Dominic Reisig, and Alan York. 2 hours of pesticide recertification credits in the X, N, O, D categories will be available. The Auxin Training will begin at 10:30 am and will be led by Dr. Alan York.

If you have any questions about these meetings, please let me know!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



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