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THE BLACKLAND BULLETIN



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2020 Blackland Tour Canceled



Due to COVID19 crowd restrictions, the 2020 Blackland Farm Managers Tour has been canceled. A virtual version of the tour will be released on August 5. We hope to have a few small turn row meetings at the tour site over the next month. We look forward to celebrating the 50th Blackland Tour next year!

Attention Fresh Produce/Snap Bean Growers!

Most produce growers in Hyde County attended the Produce Safety Rule Growers Training last December. I want to remind everyone that Extension and NCDA&CS are available to perform on-farm readiness reviews. This is a free, voluntary, anonymous, non-regulatory visit conducted by produce safety professionals. It is not an audit or a pre-inspection. It is available to help you understand the rule and what is expected of you so you are prepared when you are inspected! I have observed two reviews and they are quick, easy, and very helpful.



If you have any questions or would like to schedule a review please let me know!

New Thresholds for Stink Bugs in Corn

Information from Dr. Dominic Reisig

Thresholds vary depending on growth stage and are based on a 100 plant sample as described below (see table). These thresholds are not percentages, but numbers. If a single plant has multiple stink bugs, this must be counted into the total. If the number of stink bugs exceeds the number in the “treat” category, treat the field even if 100 plants have not been sampled. If the number of stink bugs per plant falls between the “treat” and “do not treat” category, take more samples until a confident decision can be made.

Growth stage	Area to sample	Do not treat	Take more samples	Treat
V1 to V6	Base of plant on stalk below lowest green leaf	≤6	>7 to 12	≥13
V14 to VT	Stalk from first leaf above and below primary ear	≤4	>5 to 9	≥10
R1 to R2	Stalk at one leaf above and two leaves below primary ear	≤14	>15 to 27	≥28

More information on stink bugs in corn can be found at:
<https://hyde.ces.ncsu.edu/2020/05/crop-scouting-resources/>

Reminder from Charlie Cahoon & Wes Everman

Only dicamba formulated as Xtendimax, Engenia, Fexapan, or Tavium may be applied over the top of Xtend soybeans and cotton. You can do so until July 31st if you currently have the product. Now, if you do not currently have approved dicamba products, don't panic and please DO NOT APPLY ANY OTHER FORMULATION! We have options, and using products off label will only increase the chance for off target issues and shine a negative light on us.

Get Out & Scout!

Prices are low and mother nature has not been kind to us this growing season. Make sure you are taking good care of your crop and get out and scout! If you missed the video my daughter AdaMae and I made back in May you can find it here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yd4knetp>

Scouting resources can be found at:

<https://hyde.ces.ncsu.edu/>

If you can't figure out what's going on, give me a call I'd love to help!



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Also, if you are not on my email list and would like to be added please send me an email at andrea_gibbs@ncsu.edu or call me at 252-542-9300!



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