

2024 Blacklands Area Winter Production Meeting Schedule

Date	Meeting	Location	Time	Speakers/Topics	Notes
1/9	Washington Co. V Training	Vernon James Center (207 Research Station Rd, Plymouth)	8:00-10:00am	NCDA&CS Required V Training Material	2 hours V (If you need pesticide credits in 2024 you will receive a letter in the mail!)
1/9	Dig Into Soils Meeting	Vernon James Center (207 Research Station Rd, Plymouth)	10:00am-12:00pm	Drs. Luke Gatiboni (Corn & Soybean Fertility), Mallory Choudoir (Biologicals), Adrienne Gorny (Nematodes), Steph Kulesza (Animal Waste Products & Nutrient Management)	1 hour X, N, D, O pest creds. CCA credits available. Lunch provided.
1/19	Virtual V Training	Zoom	8:00-10:00am	NCDA&CS Required V Training Material	2 hours V
1/24	Blacklands Soybean School	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	9:00am-2:00pm	See attached flyer.	2 hours X, N, D, O pest creds. CCA credits available. Lunch provided.
2/5	Hyde Co. V Training	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	8:00-10:00am	NCDA&CS Required V Training Material	2 hours V
2/5	Corn Production Meeting	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	10:00am-12:00pm	Drs. Ron Heiniger (Corn Production), Dominic Reisig (Insects Management), Daisy Ahumada (Tar spot & ear rots), Charlie Cahoon (Weed Management)	2 hours X, N, D, O pesticide credits. CCA credits available. Lunch provided.
2/6	Ponzer Paraquat Training	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	9:00-10:00am	This training is required every three years.	1 hour X, N, D, O
2/6	Ponzer Auxin Training	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	10:00-11:00am	This training is required annually. Applicators using Enlist products are not required to receive training.	1 hour X, N, D, O
2/6	Blackland Cotton Meeting	Ponzer Community Building (39111 US 264, Belhaven)	11:00am-2:00pm	Drs. Keith Edmisten, Guy Collins, Charlie Cahoon, Dominic Reisig	2 hours X, N, D, O pesticide credits. CCA credits available. Lunch provided.
2/12	Saltwater Intrusion (SWI) Meeting	Pamlico Shores Outpost (23145 US Hwy 264, Swan Quarter)	9:00am-12:00pm	Drs. Matt Ricker (NCSU CASM Project), Luke Gatiboni (Salt Excluder Soybeans & Uzbekistan), Alex Manda (ECU Research Update), Ekrem Ozlu (NCSU SWI Program Update). SWI & Cost Share Programs (Kyle Gentry (NRCS) & Daniel Brinn (Hyde S&W)	No credits available. Lunch provided.



Paraquat Training Reminder

If you are mixing, loading, or applying paraquat or paraquat containing products, you must complete the required training every 3 years. Check the date on your certificate to see if you need to complete the training in 2024. The training can be completed online at npsec.us/paraquat or in-person before the cotton production meeting on February 6th.

Important Respirator Fit Testing Update for Hyde County Farmers

Remember, if you are using paraquat or any product that requires “respiratory protection” including disposable masks, you **MUST** be medically cleared and fit tested for a respirator annually! Unfortunately, due to underutilization of this service Hyde County Health Department will no longer be offering respirator fit testing. **There will only be one fit testing event in Hyde County on January 18th.** This fit testing will be done by the NC Agromedicine Institute. Participants need to be clean shaven. (No hair can protrude through the seal of the mask.) Prices are \$55 for fit test and medical clearance or \$30 for either fit test OR medical clearance. They accept card, check made out to ECU, or can invoice the farm. Please call the Extension Office at 252-926-4486 to schedule your fit test.

2024 Virtual Auxin Stewardship Training Information & Schedule

Please check your email for other options for auxin trainings.

Auxin training is required annually. Applicators using Enlist products are not required to receive training. Drs. Charlie Cahoon and Wesley Everman will offer 6 Live Zoom training options. All Live Zoom trainings will start at 8:30 AM. Your clientele will use the same Zoom link and passcode for each individual Live Zoom meeting (see Zoom Link and Passcode below).

Attendee Requirements:

- Registration is required before the attendee can join the Live Zoom training (this can be completed just before joining the Zoom session).
- Attendees must include name, email address, phone number, county, and NCDA&CS Certification/License number at registration.
- To receive credit for a virtual training, NCDA&CS requires the following of all attendees:
 - Identity verification at the beginning of the course and after any breaks
 - Active participation by each attendee throughout the course to ensure the attendee is present (polling questions will be used for Live Zoom meetings).
 - Attendance must be taken at the end of the course.
 - No partial credit is given for those that arrive late or leave early.

Zoom Link: https://go.ncsu.edu/2024_auxin_training Zoom Passcode: 524675

Training Dates

	Date	Time	Day of week
1	January 16	8:30 AM	Tuesday
2	January 31	8:30 AM	Wednesday
3	February 14	8:30 AM	Wednesday
4	February 27	8:30 AM	Tuesday
5	March 12	8:30 AM	Tuesday
6	March 26	8:30 AM	Tuesday

If you do not receive my emails and would like to be added to the list, please email me at andrea_gibbs@ncsu.edu!

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