

Field Crop Report

January 3rd, 2018

From the Agent's Desk

This last year has had quite a learning curve, but I've enjoyed it thoroughly. The people of Stanly county are so welcoming, helpful, and hard-working. Thank you for making my first year great!

In the absence of a Field Crops Agent in Anson and Union counties, I have had to take on quite a bit more responsibility. Please assist me by sharing information/emails with anyone that may not receive them. Have those producers contact me so I can get them on the contact list.

I look forward to all that 2018 has to offer and assisting you in your great and honorable work.

Best regards,
Dustin Adcock
Extension Agent, Agriculture – Field Crops & Horticulture

Hold These Dates

STANLY AGRI-CIVIC CENTER

Feb. 15th 10am- Winter Cotton Meeting

Feb. 15th @ 1pm- Mandatory Auxin Meeting

UNION COUNTY AGRICULTURE CENTER

Feb. 21st @ 9am- Mandatory Auxin Training (Union County Agriculture Center)

Feb. 21st @ 11:30am- Winter Crops Meeting (Union County Agriculture Center)

Feb. 21st (Appointments)- Respirator Fit Test and Health Certification for Paraquat, Lorsban, Acephate, and other required products.

Corn, Cotton, and Soybean Variety Data

Follow the link below to a page where I have posted the Corn, Cotton, and Soybean Variety Summaries

[Variety Trial Summaries Webpage for Tri-County](#)

Mandatory Auxin Training

Although most of you attended a similar training last year, the NCDA&CS has required a new Auxin training based off of new regulations. Label revisions for Engenia, XtendiMax, and Fexapan require approved training before the 2018 use season. People that attended last year must attend again; I am sorry about that but we don't make the rules.

Lunch will be provided at both dates (after the Winter Crops Meeting in Union and between the Cotton meeting and Auxin meeting in Stanly).

There will be two opportunities:

-Feb 15th 1pm at the Stanly Agri-Civic Center

-Feb 21st 9am at the Union County Agriculture Center.

This will be worth pesticide credits N, D, O, X

Please RSVP by calling [704-983-3987](tel:704-983-3987)

Respirator Fit Test and Medical Clearance

As of January 1, 2017, the NCDA&CS now requires Worker Protection Standards (WPS) stating that a **respirator fit test** and **medical clearance card** are necessary to mix, load, handle, or apply any pesticide that requires the use of a respirator, as prescribed by the pesticide label. Pesticide inspections by the NCDA&CS will require documentation from anyone who mixes, handles, or applies pesticides requiring a respirator on the product label to have an **ANNUAL** medical clearance and respirator fit test regardless of whether the person is a licensed applicator. This means even employees, supervised workers, and family that utilize these pesticides will need to maintain this documentation.

A letter will be mailed to all pesticide applicators and producers within the next week, however you can read the full letter and begin your registration by clicking below...

[Read the Full Letter...](#)

On-Farm Tests Plans for 2018

This year, I will be conducting a limited number of on-farm tests and trials in Anson, Stanly, and Union counties. Current plans are to have: 2 corn variety Trials, a cotton variety trial, a cover crop trial, and a couple buffer plantings/refuge plots.

If you have specific interest or ideas in hosting a trial or demonstration, please contact me as soon as possible so we can look at the site and make plans.

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