

CROP MANAGEMENT REPORT

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WHEAT



With the recent rains that we have received this month our chances of making a wheat crop this year have improved dramatically. Even the earliest wheat, including the volunteer is not quite starting to joint yet. We still have time to fertilize or spray weeds if need be. Wheat does not use much water at this growth stage and hopefully a few more showers will allow us to bank some moisture for filling grain as well as growing cotton.

I have received a few calls lately primarily on the timing of 2,4-D applications. The guidelines generally apply to dicamba and MCPA since they are all growth regulator type herbicides. Information that I obtained from Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist Lubbock, Texas, states that all 3 of these products should not be applied beyond jointing. If any application is made after this stage the chemicals could be translocated to the growing point and cause potential injury and yield loss. Most sulfonylurea products such as Ally, Glean, and Harmony are labeled up to boot or even flag leaf. For a more detailed explanation from Dr. Trostle see – <https://agrilife.org/texasrowcrops/2015/03/04/24-d-and-sensitivity-in-small-grains/>

HEMP

A few weeks ago the USDA approved the TDA State Hemp Plan. However, with the plan approved they still had an open comment period until Feb. 10th so the rules could still change. TDA has a hemp website setup at – <https://www.texasagriculture.gov/RegulatoryPrograms/Hemp.aspx>

We will also have Dr. Reagan Noland, Extension Agronomist San Angelo, Texas, give an update on the current hemp status at the Tri-County Crops Conference Feb. 25th.

TRIALS

I am currently putting together trials for this coming season. Trials include Sorghum, Corn, Cotton, Dryland, Irrigated and Fertility. Give me a call if you might be interested.



PARAQUAT TRAINING

As many of you are aware, the EPA is now requiring anyone who mixes, loads, or applies paraquat (paraquat dichloride) to be a **certified applicator** and to take an EPA-approved online training. This training was developed by the manufacturers of paraquat. Texas A&M AgriLife cannot give this training like we provide the auxin trainings. These trainings are only provided online through the Extension website, which is part of the [Federal Cooperative eXtension System](#). The good news is that this training is only required once every three years unlike the auxin trainings. For more information on the paraquat training you visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/paraquat-dichloride-training-certified-applicators>

AUXIN TRAINING

We will once again be having a series of auxin (2,4-D and dicamba) trainings this spring. The first one will be held at the Tri-County Crops Conference on February 25th. I will have a couple more later on this spring spread out around the area. Remember you must attend this training each year and if you are applying dicamba you must be a certified applicator and cannot spray under someone else's license. Let me know if we need to plan for a Private Applicator Training as well. Fortunately the training has been reduced back to only one hour.

CROP CONFERENCE

Glasscock County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will once again be hosting our annual Tri-County Crops Conference. The conference will be held at the St. Lawrence Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 25, 2019. Registration will be at 8:00am. CEU's will be provided. **Please contact Erica at the Glasscock County Extension office at 354-2381 to reserve your meal.**



Tri-County Crops Conference

February 25th

8:00am

St. Lawrence Hall

Meal will be served at

12:00pm

CEU's will be Provided

Please RSVP by February 18



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