

Vegetation Management for Upland Wildlife

I apologize for the tight timeline with this seminar;
Announcing the Oct 22, 2010 workshop - "Vegetation Management for Upland Wildlife", which is part of the 2010-11 Game Management Field Update series by Florida and Georgia Extension. The program will be held at the JOSEPH W. JONES ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH CENTER, Ichauway Plantation, Baker County, GA.

Registration is \$25 and will end on October 20th.

You can view the entire seven part program series by visiting -

<http://flgagmus.eventbrite.com/>

All registration is done online and maps/directions are listed at the site above.

You can also download a pdf flyer of all programs on the above site.

If you have any questions please let us know.

cause this to occur, but the most common case involves a scenario where boll opening initially progressed normally only to slow down or stop completely in bolls considered to be in the “top crop”. This is most likely a product of the recently cooler weather which tends to slow or halt development, however, our summertime weather may have set us up for this.

There isn't a clear solution to this scenario. Usually, waiting a little longer to harvest may allow some of these bolls to open, especially now that recent weather has brought several bright, sunny, and somewhat warmer days. However, prolonging harvest can increase the risk of yield and fiber quality losses if rains return, and can increase the chances of regrowth issues, possibly requiring a 2nd defoliant application. Some growers are already facing regrowth issues, despite the cooler temperatures. If a 2nd defoliant application is necessary to remove regrowth or leaves missed by the 1st application, the addition of ethephon to a tank-mix may improve chances of timely boll opening.

WHEAT PRODUCTION GUIDES 2011

The 2011 wheat production guides are available. I will pick up our supply on November 3rd. Until then, please call or come by the Extension office and we will print off a copy for you. You can also find the 2011 wheat Production guide online at; <http://www.caes.uga.edu/commodities/fieldcrops/gagrains/wheat.html>

Winter Grazing

Rome Etheridge, County Agent in Seminole County, reports that they are experiencing damaging levels of fall armyworm (FAW) in small grains planted for winter grazing. I have received one report last Friday of an infestation in our area. All of you are aware of the severe problems we had with FAW in pastures and hay fields this summer. Therefore, this should serve as a red flag to check your small grain planting closely for this and other pests. One grower from Seminole County said that when he discovered them it looked like the cows had already grazed it off in spots.

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Commercial Pesticide License Training and Exam in Macon

This 2 day training will provide a study review of the General Standards (Category 21) & ornamental/turf (Category 24) concluding with the GA Department of Agriculture exam administered at Central GA Tech College.

Time: November 1st and 2nd, 2010

Cost: \$150 (early registration fee) includes study session, study materials, and exam fee.

Registration information:

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Why Crop Prices are Soaring

2010 GrowingGeorgia.com

Brock & Associates

The USDA has been full of surprises in their last few crop reports and this past Friday (Oct 8) was no different.

The good corn yields in the northern part of the Corn Belt were not good enough to offset the central and southern Corn Belt yield losses.

With an expected average yield now of only 155.8 bushels per acre, the corn market is now a "new ball game." This reduces carryover supply to less than one billion bushels and a stocks-to-usage ratio of about 7%. A more comfortable stocks-to-usage ratio is 12% to 14%. With strong exports and growing domestic demand from ethanol and food/feed, 2011 needs to see a significant increase in acres and big yields as well. This means a wild market over the year ahead.

Caution: Thus far all we know is there is a shortage of the \$4.50 variety and our estimate is this market will start to ration usage between \$5.50 and \$6.00. Supply driven bull markets normally peak before the end of the calendar year and this one should be no different.

This report almost assures corn producers as well as soybeans producers one of the most profitable years in history for this year and next which means strong demand for agricultural inputs over the next year.

Cotton Crop Defoliation Update

Collins and Whitaker

The cooler weather that we have experienced for the past few weeks has brought about some noticeable changes to the Georgia cotton crop. Daily high temperatures have generally been in the 70 - 80°F range, with nighttime lows ranging from the high 40's to the low 60's. This kind of weather could potentially have significant impact on defoliation and boll opening for the remainder of the 2010 crop.

There have been numerous questions regarding slow or poor boll opening in cotton which was defoliated for about two weeks, even though adequate rates of ethephon were used in defoliant tank-mixes. There are several situations which