

Feed Grain and Cotton Production Conference at Crescent – January 11, 2018

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Feed Grain and Cotton Producers and industry professionals need to mark their calendars for Thursday, January 11, 2018 for the Upper Gulf Coast Feed Grain and Cotton Conference. This year's conference will be held in Crescent Hall at the Wharton County Fairgrounds at 6036 FM 961 Road Wharton, Texas 77488. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., with our first speaker beginning at 8:30 a.m. The conference will conclude after the lunch meal at 12:00 noon. 3 CEUs will be awarded to pesticide license holders with the Texas Department of Agriculture ; and CEUs for Certified Crop Advisors will be offered. Thanks to our generous sponsors, no registration fee will be charged.

The Feed Grain section of the conference will address the following topics: 2017 Grain and Disease Control Trials & High Plains Fumonisin and How It Relates to Local Corn – Dr. Tom Isakeit, Extension Plant Pathologist; and 2017 Grain Variety Trials and Research Update - Dr. Ron Schnell, Assistant Professor and State Cropping Systems Specialist.

The cotton section of the conference will begin with an update on Cotton Bollworm resistance – Kate Harrell, Extension Agent Integrated Pest Management. For 2018 special training will be required for the new dicamba formulations applied on tolerant cotton and soybean crops, according to Environmental Protection Agency labeling revisions. TDA is requiring auxin-specific herbicide training for those using the new formulations of dicamba (Xtendimax, FeXapan and Engenia. The auxin training is required for all applicators including licensed applicators and unlicensed applicators who spray under a licensed applicator. Xtendimax, FeXapan and Engenia were approved for use in XtendFlex, the dicamba-tolerant cotton from Monsanto. Training is not required for the use of Enlist, the new 2,4-D tolerant cotton from Dow AgroSciences. Participants attending the January 11th Feed Grain and Cotton Conference will receive the Auxin Specific training as part of the conference, presented by our new AgriLife Extension State Weed Specialist, Dr. Scott Nolte.

The cotton section of the conference will continue with Cotton Foliar Pathogens & Fungicides Update on FOV Race 4 Fusarium Wilt – Dr. Tom Isakeit. We'll follow with a Cotton RACE Trial Update/Current Cotton Research Update by Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Extension Cotton Specialist. A lunch at 12 noon provided by our sponsors will conclude the 2018 Upper Gulf Coast Feed Grain and Cotton Conference.

For more information or for a copy of the conference flyer, go to <http://wharton.agrilife.org>, or contact Stacey at the Wharton County Extension Office at (979) 532-3310, or stacey.shanks@ag.tamu.edu. Please call or email Stacey by 12 noon on January 10th just to let us know that you'll be attending.

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