Email Mailing List

Please email Shannon Dill sdill@umd.edu so you can be added to our email list. Events, hot topics and announcements often come out in between print newsletters and your email will insure that you receive the updates.

The 2014 Maryland Corn Hybrid Performance Test report has been posted. To find the current and past variety trials visit:

http://www.psla.umd.edu/extension/md-crops

Samples have been collected and are being analyzed for the 63rd Annual Talbot County Corn Club and the 44th Annual Soybean Improvement awards. It is great to continue this Talbot County Tradition. The program will be held in Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the VFW on Glebe Road in Easton. Please call 410-822-1244 if you would like to attend. The guest speaker this year is Dr. Dan Ervin, Salisbury University.

The closing policy for Extension programs is:
If the Talbot County schools are closed than programs are not conducted. If Talbot County Government is closed the Extension office will be closed as well.
Nutrient Management Corner

Craig W. Yohn,
Nutrient Management Advisor

Planning for 2015
As the very interim Nutrient Management Advisor here in Talbot County it is important to complete as many plans as possible before a new advisor comes in. For the foreseeable future I will be in Talbot County on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

You can help yourself by doing the following:
1. Make an appointment. Even if it is only fifteen minutes before you come.
2. Use the Field information Sheet (behind the map for each tract) to review what you planted in 2014, what fields got manure and was it applied at the planned rate.
3. Use that same sheet to write what is planned for the spring and even the fall of 2015. Including yield goals, any manure application and the field adjacent to a stream or tidal body of water (new).
4. Attach old or new soil samples to each tract Field Information Sheet.
5. Bring new manure analysis results. If you do not have the analysis, do not let that stop you...there is plenty to do before that one piece of information wraps up the plan.
6. Bring animal types, numbers, weight, how much they are confined and how much bedding is used.
7. FINALLY, Bring any all information on new tracts including address, owner and if possible FSA Map.

Farm Bill Decision Tools

The one developed by Illinois is available here
http://farmbilltoolbox.farmdoc.illinois.edu

Texas A&M’s is available here
https://usda.afpc.tamu.edu

FSA has also released the timelines for Base Reallocation, Yield Updates, Price Loss Coverage (PLC) & Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC)

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15, 2014
Private Pesticide Applicator and Nutrient Management Recertification
Worcester County
Snow Hill Lions Club 6-8pm
Pesticide Recert. Followed by Nutrient Voucher
410-632-1972 for more details
New Private Pesticide Applicator Certification Training March 4, 2015 Wicomico Ext. Office
1-3 pm 410-749-6141 Test March 11, 2015 Wicomico Ext. Office 1-3 pm

December 16, 2014
2014 Agricultural Outlook and Policy Conference 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Double Tree Hotel, Annapolis, MD

December 18, 2014
Nutrient Management Voucher Training
Kent Co. Extension Office
709 Morganc Road, Chestertown, MD
10 am to Noon - call (410) 778-1661

2015
January 6, 8, 13, 15, 2015
Getting Started in Farming
WorWic Community College
9:00 am-11:30 am
An introductory course on being successful in agriculture. Ever wanted to be involved in producing food or raising animals? Thinking about turning your hobby into a small business? Farming is not as simple as it once was. Learn how to be a successful agriculture producer by understanding the different types and areas of farming you can be involved with. This 4 part series will be taught by local agriculture educators from University of Maryland Extension.
January 7, 2015
Poultry Mortality Composting Short Course and Demonstration 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Poultry Research Center, UMES, Princess Anne, MD.
Call local Extension Office for reservation form. Cost: $40 (covers refreshments, lunch and materials)
Contact: Tina Scites, UMD, 301-405-1198 or tscites@umd.edu

January 8, 2015
Private Applicator Training
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Kent/Queen Anne’s Call (410) 778-1661 for more details

January 12-16, 2015
Delaware Agriculture Week
Delaware State Fairgrounds
Harrington, DE

January 14, 2015
Delmarva Hay & Pasture Conference
Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington

January 15, 2015
Talbot County Corn Club
Easton VFW
For more information call 410-822-1244

January 15-17, 2015
Future Harvest Conference
College Park Marriott

January (snow date January 31) and February 10 (exam and plan writing) (snow date February 14)
Nutrient Management, Farmer Training and Certification
“Write Your Own Nutrient Management Plan” - Crop Operations using Manure and Fertilizer
University of Maryland Wye Research and Education Center
For more information, please call 410-841-5959

January 20, 2015
Farmer Training & Certification
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ($35 includes lunch on first day)
“Crop Operations Using Manure & Fertilizer” Wye Research & Education Center, Queenstown, MD
Snow date Jan. 23 & Feb. 2—Exam (snow date of Feb. 5.
Call local Extension Office for registration information.

January 22, 2015
Maryland Buyer-Grower Expo
Navy-Marine Corps. Stadium-“N” Room, Annapolis, MD
Additional Information: www.marylandsbest.net
Contact Stone Slade at 410-841-5779 or stone.slade@maryland.gov

January 22, 2015
Private Pesticide Applicator Exam
Kent Co. Extension Office
709 Morgue Road, Chestertown, MD
6:30-8:30pm Call (410) 778-1661

January 22, 2015
Private Applicator Exam
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Kent/Queen Anne’s
Call (410) 778-1661 for more details

January 24, 2015
Beginning Beekeeper Class
Wye Research and Education Center, Queenstown, MD
9am-12noon
For registration contact Debby Dant, 410-827-8053 or ddant@umd.edu
For more information contact Mike Embrey, 410-827-8056

January 30, 2015
Grain Marketing Update
Chesapeake College, Wye Mills MD
7:30-noon
To register contact 410-822-1244

UMD Extension – Grain Marketing
https://extension.umd.edu/grainmarketing
February 4, 2015
Commercial Pesticide Training – Ornamentals and turf, Salisbury. For more information call 410-749-6141

February 12, 2015
Commercial Pesticide Training – Agriculture
Caroline County 4-H Park, Denton
For more information call 410-479-4030

February 12-13, 2015
Regional Women in Agriculture Conference
Dover Downs
Dover DE
For more information
www.extension.umd.edu/womeninag

February 18, 2015
Annie’s Project
Wednesdays through April 1
6:00 – 9:00pm,
Chesapeake College EDC 27, Wye Mills
For more information call 410-822-1244/410-758-0166 or visit
http://www.extension.umd.edu/annies-project

February 18, 2015
Caroline Agronomy Meeting
Private Applicator and Nutrient Management Recertification Training
Caroline Agronomy Meeting
4:30-9:30 pm Call (410) 479-4030

February 25, 2015 (Tentative)
2015 Bay Area Fruit Meeting
Wye REC
For more information call 410-827-8056

February 26, 2015
2015 Delmarva Dairy Day
Hartly Fire Hall
9:30am-2:15pm

February 27, 2015
Queen Anne’s County Agronomy Meeting
8:30am – 1:00pm, Queen Anne’s County 4-H Park, Centreville
Beef and shrimp lunch provided by Ag sponsors
Nutrient Management Recertification, Pesticide Recertification and Voucher Training
For more information call 410-758-0166

February 28, 2015
Maryland Small Ruminant Expo
Frederick Co. 4-H Camp & Activities Center
Contact Susan Sohoenian, sschoen@umd.edu

March 4, 2015
LAST SCHEDULED MEETING FOR RECERT FOR THE SEASON
Pesticide Private Applicator Recertification & Nutrient Management Voucher
6:00-9:00p.m. Talbot County Agriculture Center, Easton
For more information call 410-822-1244

ALL THE BEST FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2015!

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION
Solutions in your community
Grain Marketing Update

Friday, January 30, 2015
7:30am - 11:30a

AGENDA

7:30am—Breakfast

8:15am—“Local Outlook”
Chad Nagel, Nagel Grain

9:00am—“Tax Considerations for Your Grain Farm”
Henry Leonard, CBIZ MHM, LLC

9:45am—Break

10:00am—“Farm Bill and Crops Insurance Update”
Paul Goeringer, UMD Research Associate, Agricultural & Resource Economics

10:30am—“2015 Market Outlook”
Kevin McNew, President, Grain Hedge

Higher Education Center, Chesapeake College,
Wye Mills MD
Cost: $15.00 and Includes Breakfast and Materials.
Please Register by January 23 - Call 410-822-1244 or email
sdill@umd.edu.

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