

Weekly Article

Be on Look out For Spotted Lantern Fly

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Hello, my Name is Richard Purdin with OSU Extension, Ag and Natural resource Educator and Community Development Educator for Adams County. I hope to better inform local producers and the public of the latest news in the world of Agriculture. The last week of October looks to be another soggy wet week. The first week of November looks like it might be our Indian summer with daytime highs expected to reach the upper 60's by late week. Monday morning greeted most producers with cold temperatures in the upper 20's. I had ice on water tanks and the bare ground was partially frozen on the surface. This week's weather looks very favorable for corn and soybean harvest to continue after 10 or more days delays from the rain.

On October 19th, a resident of Mingo Junction located just south of Steubenville, Ohio spotted a dead adult Spotted Lanternfly. The Ohio Department of Agriculture was contacted and later confirmed and identified a small population of the invasive pest. ODA, USDA, ODNR, Ohio State University Extension, and Ohio grape Industries Committee have been working together to survey, trap, and provide educational outreach of the spotted lanternfly. SLF is very fond of grape vines, fruit trees, hops, blueberry, oaks, pines, poplar, and pine trees. The Ailanthus tree or also known as tree of heaven is a host plant. The Spotted Lantern Fly is native to China, India, and Vietnam. It was first detected in Pennsylvania September of 2014 and increased in number since. This invasive pest causes major damage to trees by feeding on trunks and branches. This feeding will cause the tree or woody species to ooze sap, wilt the leaves, or cause die back. The larges economic impact that comes from the feeding of this pest is to the fruit tree and viticulture industry. If you see this pest please let the OSU Extension office know by calling (937) 544-2339. You can also contact ODA at (614) 728-6400. To Learn more about the Spotted Lantern Fly you can go to <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/plant-health/news-and-events/10-27-20-slf-jefferson-county>



Some other details to go over is

- USDA will be providing direct assistance to farmers impacted by Corona virus for the second time this year. Producers can contact the FSA office to sign up for their second round of payments for 2020. Sign up deadline is December 11th, 2020 you should call before coming to the office. The phone number to call is (937) 544 2033.
- 2021 elections for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs opened October 13th and will close March 15th, 2021. Contact the Ladies at Farm service Agency about signing up for one of these programs (937) 544-2033
- Adams Soil and Water Conservation District is collecting Common Milkweed Pods throughout the month of October, call (937) 544-2033 or go to adamssoilandwater.org for details.
- Our new 2020 Plat Books are for sale. Call the office to make an appointment to buy one at (937) 544-2339.
- Check out my survey for local crop yields, I would appreciate your help in constructing a local hybrid/ variety utilization spreadsheet for the growing season 2021. The survey can be found at adams.osu.edu and Adams OSU Facebook page.
- For Dairy producers interested in learning more about risk management and the dairy Industry outlook for 2021, OSU Extension and Ohio Dairy Producers Association will be hosting a three part miniseries of webinars 1 hour in length 12:00pm to 1:00pm November 5th, 17th, and the 24th. This is a free event to register go to go.osu.edu/dairyriskmanagement

From the Field

In scouting field conditions for Adams County, the following is things I have noticed.

1. With dryer conditions soybean harvest has started up again.
2. Corn harvest has progressed but slower than normal, moisture levels continue to stay high.
3. Wheat and other small grains look to be in good condition going into the winter season.
4. Recent rains have really given pastures and new hay seeding a boost.
5. Many of the leaves have dropped from the trees, this is a good time to mulch and compost tree leaves in the yard to use for fertilizing gardens next spring.
6. Winter annual weed population are on the high side in corn and soybean fields.
7. Hay feeding has started on many farms due to the drier conditions, this is a good time to get a hay quality test.