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New Requirements to Apply Dicamba!

We always do a recertification for those with a pesticide license here locally, however some of the rules for using Dicamba are different. As you can read below, this product requires the person with the license to do the work. Other products an applicator may be someone without a license as long as they are working under the supervision of a licensed applicator. The following is from the CORN Newsletter last week.

As of October of 2018, the EPA announced that the registration for dicamba will be extended for two years for over-the top use of dicamba resistant corn and soybeans. Additionally, new regulations now require that to mix, load or apply dicamba, you must be a licensed pesticide applicator. The trained serviceperson is no longer qualified under the new regulations. To receive a pesticide license to mix, load or apply dicamba, one must pass both the Core and Category 1 (Grain and Cereal Crops) exams offered by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The Ohio State University Pesticide Safety Education Program has prepared training videos to assist growers in preparing for the Core exam. These trainings are supplemental to the study manuals and will not include the annual dicamba training, which is also mandatory. For more information regarding the New Pesticide Applicator Training courses and videos, and online dicamba training, please go to: <https://pested.osu.edu/PrivNewApp>

Honey Bee Health around Grain Crops

This information is not new, but this information was in a recent CORN Newsletter. Let this simply serve as a reminder for sensitive crops and honey bees. It is all about communication. It is hard to protect what you do not know exists. Communicate with your neighbors so they know what precautions they may need to take to protect what is around them.

The National Corn Growers Association in partnership with the Honey Bee Health Coalition recently published Corn Best Management Practices for honey bee health. The team who developed the BMPs was comprised of growers as well as beekeepers and businesses that deal with these crops. In 2018, BMPs for soybean growers were developed, also.

BMPs for corn: <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/cornbmps/>

For soybeans: <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/soybmps/>

The link to the HBHC is <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/> for more information about bees and



beekeeping practices.

Locally you can see information about honey bees:

- On the Ohio Department of Agriculture Apiary website:
<https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/plant-health/apiary-program/>
- and from OSU's Bee Lab: <https://u.osu.edu/beelab/>
Concerned about sensitive crops and honey bees?

The Ohio Sensitive Crop Registry (OSCR) brought to you by FieldWatch (www.fieldwatch.com) allows beekeepers and commercial producers of specialty crops (such as tomatoes, fruit trees, grapes and organic crops) to register and map their sites online with an easy-to-use mapping tool and provide contact information about their operation.

- Pesticide applicators can access the site to help determine the scope and location of specialty crops and beehives in their areas. Registered applicators can sign up to receive email notifications when new specialty crop fields or beehives are added to their designated state, county or areas.
- Pesticide applicators will have different options for viewing locations on the new system but all users (applicators, producers, and beekeepers) will need to go to www.fieldwatch.com and create an account to get started.
- Apiary registration with ODA is mandatory in Ohio, and you need a registration number from ODA in order for a beekeeper to set up an account in FieldWatch.

Dates to Remember

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| April 11 | 2019 Perennial School at the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville. Starts at 8:00 a.m. Register before April 1 for \$40. After April 1 is \$50. Cost includes a continental breakfast, buffet lunch and handouts. To register go to Clermont.osu.edu or call 513-732-7070. Payable by cash, check or money order to "OSU Extension Clermont." Please return registration form with payment to PO Box 670, Owensville, OH 45160 by April 1. Sorry no refunds. |
| April 13 | Ohio Tobacco Museum Reverse Raffle at Ripley Elem. School. Tickets still available. |
| April 18 | Seminar on Herbs – hosted by the OSUE Brown County Master Gardener Volunteers from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Room 208 at the Mt. Orab campus of Southern State Community College. Free and open to the public. |