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## **Do You Have Sensitive Crops?**

There are several things produced on farms in Southern Ohio that are sensitive to pesticides. The news release below discusses some of the things that are sensitive and a new registry for hopefully making others aware of the presence of the risks of damage. In addition to this registry it is also a good idea to share the concern and make your neighbors aware of your production operation. Often things happen because people are unaware of the situation.

**Agriculture:** The department announced this week that it will launch the Ohio Sensitive Crop Registry, a voluntary informational tool that will provide a method for applicators and growers to communicate effectively.

Users of the [registry](#) that was designed by the ODA's Plant Health division can outline their sensitive locations on maps, which allows pesticide applicators to search the maps and locate these areas, according to a department [release](#). The registry is for pesticide-sensitive crops, as well as organic crops and apiaries that meet the registration requirements.

"This is an exciting development for our state's applicators and producers, as OSCR will help bring these parties together to more effectively communicate about their needs" said Ohio Department of Agriculture Director David Daniels. "Those working in agriculture are always on the cutting edge of innovative ways to implement new technology into their everyday practices and we feel OSCR is another great tool to be used by Ohio businesses."

To be eligible to create an account, users must meet a minimum acreage requirement.

- See more at: [http://www.gongwer-oh.com/programming/news.cfm?article\\_id=830440208#sthash.DZcNLLj4.dpuf](http://www.gongwer-oh.com/programming/news.cfm?article_id=830440208#sthash.DZcNLLj4.dpuf)

## **Products for Preventive Control of Tobacco Aphids and Worms in Tobacco**

As we get near the time to be seeding tobacco trays, we need to be thinking about the upcoming growing season. Worm damage and aphid damage can cause significant yield loss. There are several options for controlling both of these profit robbers.

The most common option is to spray insecticides when the worms or aphids appear. There are a number of products that are effective for both aphids and worms in tobacco. However, often the damage and profit loss is already significant by the time the decision to spray is made. Additionally the weather conditions may prevent timely applications once the problem is found so more of the crop may be lost before the treatment can make a difference.

Another option is the use of products that will prevent damage from worms and aphids at the time the tobacco is transplanted into the field. There are products available to be added to the setter water that will prevent damage from both aphids and worms throughout the growing season. These are systemic insecticides.

Keep in mind pollinators can be exposed to the residues when the tobacco plant flowers. Topping the tobacco when the crop is in the bud stage will reduce the risk to bees and other important insects.

## **20th Annual Southwest Ohio Perennial School**

The Southwest Ohio Perennial School will be held at the OSU Extension Office in Clermont Co. on April 10. Registration for this school is cheaper if you register before March 27, so don't wait. The Clermont Co. Extension office is located at the Clermont Co. Fairgrounds in Owensville.

Registration information and other details can be found at <http://clermont.osu.edu> or you can call the Extension Office at 513-732-7070.

### **Dates to Remember**

- March 17                    Clean-up Pesticide Re-certification for Private Applicators at noon at the South Campus of Southern State Community College in Fincastle in the Gateway Center. Pre-registration and payment must be made by March 10 with the cost of \$35. Late registrations will be an additional \$10 fee. Call Cindy at the Brown Co. Extension Office at 378-6716.
- March 19                    Tobacco GAP training in Georgetown at 1:00 p.m. . Please pre-register by calling Pam at 544-2339 by March 17.
- March 27                    Part 3 of the Agronomy Program – Insect ID and Damage in Row Crops. Please call Tami at the Highland Co. Extension Office to register for this free program, 393-1918. Program will be held at the Ponderosa Steakhouse at 10:00 a.m.

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