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Time to Scout the Wheat

Adult cereal leaf beetles found, look out for larvae in wheat soon. That was the message from OSU Extension State Specialists Andy Michel and Kelley Tilmon in this week's CORN Newsletter. To read the entire newsletter and see a picture of these beetles go to <http://corn.osu.edu>

Adult cereal leaf beetles have been spotted in a few areas across OH. Adults do not normally cause yield loss in wheat, but, if present in high numbers, they could lead to heavy larval infestations over the next few weeks. Adult cereal leaf beetles are shiny, metallic blue and orange and are best found using a sweep net or by walking the field. Cereal leaf beetle larvae are small, gray and moist, resembling bird droppings, and are easily found on wheat leaves. Foliar damage on wheat occurs when larvae feed and strip the leaves, causing a "frosted appearance." Economic threshold of cereal leaf beetle larvae averages 1 per stem. As wheat matures, growers should carefully inspect their fields for the presence of cereal leaf beetle larvae.

Nutritious Weeds?

This is just a reminder of the Master Gardener series that continues later this month. The Garden Seminar, hosted by OSUE Brown County Master Gardener Volunteers will be held on May 18 at 7:00 p.m. with Christine Tailer of Straight Creek Valley Farm. Christine will talk about Nutritious and Delicious Weeds. This seminar will be held at the Brown County Education Service Center at 9231 Hamer Rd, Georgetown. As always, all seminars are free and open to the public.

Strawberry Field Night

Coming up on Thursday, May 25, 2017 we will be hosting a Strawberry Field Night at the OSU South Centers in Piketon, Ohio. The field night is hosted by Brad Bergfeld, and will cover a variety of topics, and a tour of the Strawberry field. This field night is geared for all beginner and advanced growers.

The topics to be covered will feature Plasticulture and Matted Row Strawberry Field Research. Other topics will include winter protection techniques, Israeli drip irrigation demonstration and management, nitrogen management, row cover management, June bearing ever-bearing and day neutral cultivar evaluations, pest management and more.

The field night begins at 5:30 p.m. and will run until 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5:30 until 6:00 p.m. and the cost includes dinner and handouts. The cost is \$25 or \$40 per family up to 3 people.



Registration includes dinner, and all educational materials. Registration is required. Please register by the deadline of May 23, 2017. For additional information you may contact me at gardner.1148@osu.edu or at 740.289.2071 ext. 132.

Dates to Remember

May 8 Pesticide Testing at the Old Y Restaurant at noon. Must pre-register at <http://pested.osu.edu> or call 800-282-1955. As always, this test is offered on the second Monday of each month.