VIDEOS FROM 2020 WISCONSIN AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM

Learn about 2020 predictions for dairy, grain, livestock, economics, and the new hemp and CBD markets. Learn about 4 different state’s perspectives on growing hemp in agriculture, including the crop’s potential and unique challenges. Not only is there an expert speaking on the Wisconsin perspective, but also experts from Kentucky, Colorado, and Canada giving their viewpoints. There are also presentations of the economy of agriculture, and the economic outlook for this year.

Watch all 9 presentations from this year’s Agricultural Outlook forum here.

This forum was put together by the Renk Agribusiness Institute at UW-Madison and held on January 28th.

2020 WISCONSIN CCA OF THE YEAR AWARD

BRYAN JENSEN, DEPT OF ENTOMOLOGY AND DIVISION OF EXTENSION

A quick reminder! The Wisconsin CCA Board is accepting nominations for the 2020 Wisconsin Certified Crop Advisor of the Year Award until March 2, 2020. This award is designed to showcase a CCA that is a leader in their field and has contributed substantially to production agriculture.

To be considered, that person must be a WI CCA in good standing. A nomination form should be completed along with two letters of reference and submitted to Bryan Jensen, bmjensen1@wisc.edu Dept. of Entomology, 1630 Linden Dr., Madison, WI 53706. Electronic submissions preferred but hardcopy is happily accepted. The selection committee consists of the current WI CCA Board.

Customers, employees, colleagues or other associates may nominate a candidate. Nominations will be evaluated solely on the information provided in the nomination form and accompanying letters of recommendation. Completing the nomination form will take some time but is not especially difficult. Please review the Nomination criteria, Tips and Checklist for help. Completed nominations are due no later than March 2, 2020.
2019 WISCONSIN FIELD CROPS PATHOLOGY FUNGICIDE TESTS SUMMARY NOW AVAILABLE

DAMON SMITH, EXTENSION FIELD CROPS PATHOLOGIST, BRIAN MUELLER, ASSISTANT FIELD RESEARCHER, DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Each year the Wisconsin Field Crops Pathology Program conducts a wide array of fungicide tests on alfalfa, corn, soybeans, and wheat. These tests help inform researchers, practitioners, and farmers about the efficacy of certain fungicide products on specific diseases. The 2019 Wisconsin Field Crops Fungicide Test Summary is now available. These tests are by no means an exhaustive evaluation of all products available, but can be used to understand the general performance of a particular fungicide in a particular environment.

Keep in mind that the best data to make an informed decision, come from multiple years and environments. To find fungicide performance data from Wisconsin in other years, visit the Wisconsin Fungicide Test Summaries page. You can also consult publication A3646 – Pest Management in Wisconsin Field Crops to find information on products labeled for specific crops and efficacy ratings for particular products. Additional efficacy ratings for some fungicide products for corn foliar fungicides, soybean foliar and seed-applied fungicides, and wheat foliar fungicides can be found on the Crop Protection Network website.

Mention of specific products in these publications are for your convenience and do not represent an endorsement or criticism. Remember that this is by no means a complete test of all products available. You are responsible for using pesticides according to the manufacturers current label. Some products listed in the reports referenced above may not actually have an approved Wisconsin pesticide label. Be sure to check with your local extension office or agricultural chemical supplier to be sure the product you would like to use has an approved label. Follow all label instructions when using any pesticide. Remember the label is the law!

UW-FIVER FALLS FIELD SCOUT TRAINING MARCH 24-25

BRYAN JENSEN, UW EXTENSION, IPM PROGRAM

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls, UW-Extension and the Integrated Pest Management Program are co-sponsoring the IPM Field Scout Training Class which will be held March 24-25, 2020 on the UW-River Falls campus. This training session will provide classroom and laboratory instruction for several pest and nutrient management topics (pest identification, life cycle, damage symptoms, economic thresholds and scouting techniques for insects, weeds, plant pathogens, herbicide injury and nutrient deficiency symptoms for corn, alfalfa, soybean and wheat, soil sampling, plant tissue testing, etc). CEU's will be applied for.

Click here for the complete schedule.
Non-student registration fee is $100/person and covers the cost of the training program and the Field Crop Scout Training Manual.

PLEASE GO ONLINE TO REGISTER.

To register by check, send name, phone number, address and email address with a check payable to UW-Madison to: Bryan Jensen, Dept. of Entomology, 1630 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706.

For more information call Bryan Jensen at (608) 263-4073 or email at bmjense1@wisc.edu.

CLOVER COVER CROP MANAGEMENT

Kevin Shelley, Farm Nutrient and Cover Crop Specialist with University of Wisconsin’s Nutrient and Pest Management Program, was recently mentioned by Practical Farmers of Iowa. His experience in red clover as a cover crop, along with other crop rotations were explored in terms of clover establishment, management, nitrogen credits, and termination.

Click here to read the findings of the report.

Red Clover following Winter Wheat shown in October