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CAMDEN CROP NEWS

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Camden/Currituck Wheat Production Meeting: Aug. 13th

In preparation for the upcoming wheat production season, we will be having a wheat production meeting on August 13th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the N.C. Cooperative Extension-Currituck Center located at 120 Community Way, Barco, NC. Dr. Angela Post, NC State Extension Small Grains Specialist, will join us in discussing the latest in wheat research. No breakfast will be provided at this meeting. Two hours of N, O, D, and X pesticide credits will be available.

Corn Earworm Flight Has Started

Written By Dr. Anders Huseth

It is time to start scouting cotton and soybeans for corn earworm also known as bollworm. On Monday (7/26/21), we deployed 20 pheromone traps across 5 eastern counties to monitor corn earworm. When checking traps today (7/29/21), we counted a large number of moths in traps network located in Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, and Wilson counties (up to 50-60 corn earworm moths per day).

Given the numbers observed in traps over the first 3 days of trapping, we could be in for a moderate to large flight this year. Low numbers of corn earworm eggs were detected while scouting cotton and soybean fields adjacent to traps. Corn earworm eggs were also found in soybean at the Upper Coastal Plain Research Station located near Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Crop consultants reported significant egg laying in cotton in southeastern counties.

Scouting Tips:

1. Begin by scouting high risk fields, such as, later-planted fields, those that are flowering or have young pods, those in light soils that show drought stress or poor growth, or those located on high spots.
2. Increase scouting frequency to twice each week in any fields where earworms are detected.
3. The corn earworm threshold calculator can be found at: <https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/CEW-calculator-v0.005.html>
4. Hopefully full season soybeans will have less risk of having a worm infestation. Due to potential stink bug damage, it is advised to keep an eye on fields through leaf shed or R7 (one normal pod on the main stem has reached its mature pod color).

Saltwater Intusion Meeting: Aug. 27th

The N.C. Cooperative Extension, Camden and Pasquotank County Centers will be conducting a saltwater intrusion meeting on August 27th from 10am-12 noon at the Pasquotank Extension Office (1209 McPherson St, Elizabeth City, NC 27909). We will focus on research related to saltwater intrusion and its impact on agricultural lands. Those that can benefit from this field day are farmers, landowners, county and government officials, and other interested individuals.

Guest speakers will include: Dr. Chad Poole & Dr. Luke Gatiboni from NC State University, and Dr. Alex Manda from East Carolina University. Over the last few years we have been facilitating research efforts in southern Camden and Pasquotank Counties focused on this issue, and hope that this meeting will serve as an opportunity to showcase and discuss results that have been obtained thus far. Please RSVP at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/165964182337> , as the meeting will conclude with a catered lunch.

Upcoming Events

- *August 13 Wheat Meeting
- *August 18 National Corn Yield Contest Entry Deadline
- * August 19 Private Pesticide Applicator "V" Training
- * August 27 Saltwater Intrusion Meeting

For more information regarding any of your farming needs, please feel free to contact me at the Camden County Cooperative Extension Office: 252-331-7630.
Your questions and comments are important to me.

Sincerely,

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Camden County