

Get A Jump Start On 2009 Pest And Weed Control At IPM School

PRINCETON, KY.

Every growing season, farmers face unique challenges as a result of weed and pest problems. They can get a jump start on 2009 weed, disease and insect control by attending the daylong 2009 Integrated Pest Management Scout Training School March 4 at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. CDT. Presentations start at 9 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend the school and lunch will be provided.

"It's a really good place for them to come and get an update on what's new in weed, insect and disease control," said Patty Lucas, UK extension specialist for integrated pest management. "We will also review last year's pest problems and talk about things that may be helpful if producers encounter them again this year."

Presenters are UK specialists in the areas of

weed science, soil science, agricultural engineering, entomology, plant pathology and crop science. The morning session will include discussions on what's new in weed control, fungicide use in corn and soybeans and an update on UK fertilizer recommendations and use. Topics for the afternoon session include equipment for small plot work, improving nutrient use efficiency in corn and soybean production, and corn and soybean insect issues.

The program has applied for 5.5 continuing education units for certified crop advisors – 2 in pest management, 1.5 in crop management, 1.5 in nutrient management and 0.5 in professional development. It has also applied for general and specific hours for pesticide applicators in categories 1a, 10 and 12.

Preregistration is not required, but to guarantee a lunch, call Mary Ann Kelley at 270-365-7541 ext. 216 or e-mail plucas@uky.edu before March 3.

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