



CARSON COUNTY AG NEWS

JULY 2016



Events

Wheat Planning
Conference
July 26, 2016
War Memorial
Building
Panhandle TX

Extension Office

8:00 – 5:00

(closed 12–1
for lunch)

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2016-2017 Wheat Planning Conference

Sponsored by Texas Wheat Producer & Myers Crop Insurance

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

War Memorial Building

500 Main Street, Panhandle TX

- Lunch is courtesy of Texas Wheat Producers & Myers Crop Insurance
- \$10.00 Registration Fee payable at the door
- 3 CEU's offered (2 General, 1 IPM)
- 8:30 am Registration begins

Topics:

- 8:30 am –Registration begins
- 9:00 am - Wheat Industry Update: Katie Heinrich Allen –Texas Wheat Producers
- 9:15 am –Market Outlook Updates & Grazing vs. Grain Economics: Dr. Steve Amosson –Extension Economist
- 10:00 am –Wheat production management: Dr. Jourdan Bell – Extension Agronomist
- 10:45 am –Land & Grazing Leasing Options: Dr. Tiffany Dowell Lashment –Extension Specialist of Agricultural Law
- 11:30 am –Insect Influenced Wheat Diseases & New Management Tool “My Fields”: Dr. Ed Bynum –Extension Entomologist
- 12:15 pm - Lunch Served
- 1:00 pm - Integrated Management of Wheat Rust: Dr. Ron French – Extension Plant Pathologist
- 1:45 pm - Crop Insurance Decisions: Rachel Myers –Myers Crop Insurance
- 2:00 pm - Evaluations and CEU Certificates

Please RSVP by 5:00 pm on or before Friday July 22nd
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Sugarcane Aphid Management

With the Sugarcane Aphid issues that we had this past year, we are strongly advising you to scout your fields for these pest.

We have some New Management Guideline information here at the County Extension office. You are welcome to come by and pick one up or you can visit our County website for a complete copy of these guidelines at:

<http://carson.agrilife.org/files/2012/05/2016-Texas-High-Plains-Sugarcane-Aphid-Management-Guide.pdf>

OR

<http://carson.agrilife.org/files/2012/05/The-Sugarcane-Aphid-Management-Guidelines-for-Grain-and-Forage-Sorghum-in-Texas.pdf>

Panhandle District Quickbooks Pro Shortcourses

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Amarillo will be offering a 2 day training on Quickbooks Pro.

Dates: August 24-25, 2016
August 29-30, 2016
Location: 6500 W Amarillo Blvd
Time: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Fee: \$150.00

If you are interested in attending either of these workshops and would like more information, please contact DeDe Jones at 806-677-5667 or you can call the Carson County Extension Office at 806-537-3882.

We will have Registration Forms here at the Carson County Office or you can visit the following website for a complete form.

<http://carson.agrilife.org/files/2012/05/Panhandle-District-Quickbooks-Pro-Shortcourses.pdf>

Please go to the Carson County AgriLife Extension Website to read more about:

- Rainfall Index—Annual Forage Insurance
- Rotation, Cover Crops Impact Cotton Yields More Than Tillage
- The Veterinary Feed Directive & Related Information for Livestock Producers
 - Panhandle District Quickbooks Pro Shortcourses
- 2016 Texas High Plains Sugarcane Aphid Management Guide
- Sugar Cane Aphid: Management Guidelines for Grain & Forage Sorghum in Texas

<http://carson.agrilife.org/ag/publications/>

The Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996 (ADAA) established a new category of drugs, veterinary feed directive (VFD) drugs. The revised Veterinary Feed Directive rule that goes into effect October 1, 2015 addresses the use of drugs in feeds for livestock. Current focus is on antimicrobials that are considered *medically-important* (human medicine applications).

What does the VFD rule and associated guidance do?

The VFD rule and associated FDA Guidance documents -

- (1). ends the use of medically-important antimicrobials to enhance livestock performance,***
- (2). transitions many of the feed medications that are currently available "over-the-counter" into the VFD drug category,***
- (3). places the use of VFD animal drugs in or on animal feed under the professional supervision of a licensed veterinarian,***
- (4). requires producers to obtain written VFD orders from a licensed veterinarian to purchase and utilize the VFD antimicrobials on or in feed.***

When does the VFD rule become effective?

This rule becomes *effective October 1, 2015*. All changes associated with medically important antimicrobials that are now available over-the-counter must be implemented *by January 1, 2017*.

What are VFD Drugs?

VFD drugs are FDA-approved for use in animal feeds under veterinarian supervision and under written VFD orders. Current focus is on antimicrobials delivered in feeds that are deemed to be medically-important. This does not preclude a broadened approach in the future. The label for the additive, or the label for the medicated feed item containing the additives, must state whether the additive is a VFD drug or not.

As of September 2015 there are three VFD drugs - florfenical (Nuflor - swine; Aquaflor - aquaculture), avilamycin (Kavault; swine), and tilmicosin (Pulmotil; swine, beef, dairy).

By January 1, 2017, all medically-important antimicrobials intended for use in feed that are currently available "over-the-counter" will become VFD drugs. Additives such as lasalocid (Bovatec-cattle, Avatec-poultry), monensin (Rumensin-cattle, Coban-poultry), bacitracin, bambermycins (Flavomycin - swine, Gainpro - cattle), and amprolium are not "medically-important" and will not fall under the VFD unless they are used in combination with a VFD drug.

For more information and a copy of the complete article please visit:

<http://counties.agrilife.org/carson/files/2012/05/The-Veterinary-Feed-Directive-and-Related-Information-for-Livestock-Producers.pdf>

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QUALITY COTTON CONFERENCE

AUGUST 4, 2016 LUBBOCK, TEXAS

AGENDA AND SPEAKERS

8:00 a.m. - Registration

8:45 a.m. - Concurrent Tours

- Dr. Jane Dever and Carol Kelly
- Drs. Dana Porter and Katie Lewis
- Drs. Seth Byrd and Gaylon Morgan
- Dr. Peter Dotray

Noon - Lunch to be provided

- Dr. Doug Steele
- Plains Cotton Growers

1:30 p.m. - USDA ARS Cotton Production and Processing Research Unit

- John Wanjura
- Dr. Jackie Smith

3:30 p.m. - Texas Tech University Fiber and Biopolymer Research Institute

- Brendon Kelly

There is NO CHARGE for this program. 3 CEU's will be available.

To RSVP, please call your County Extension Office or Danny Nusser at (806)376-0051 by AUGUST 1.



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Check out the Carson
County Website
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For a posting of newsletters, ceu events, and
links to other information provided to you by
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension



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