

COUNTY GROPLINE



Washington County
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Paraquat Training

If you are mixing, loading, or applying paraquat, you are required to complete this training every three years.

2023 is the fourth year that this training has been required, so check the date on your certificate to see if it's your year to complete the training again!

Training Options:

Thurs., February 9th - Ponzer Community Building

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

(After the Cotton Meeting)

Pencil and Paper Exams

Mon., February 13th - Tidewater Research Station

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

(After the Corn Meeting)

Pencil and Paper Exams

ONLINE OPTION: Scan the QR code
or type in

www.usparaquattraining.com



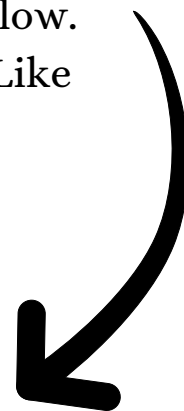
Auxin Training

There are **three options** for auxin training this year.

- **OPTION 1:** Live Zoom Trainings

- Attend a training on Zoom on one of the dates in the table below.
- **I will be emailing out a registration link and passcode soon.** Like last year, you will be required to register before attending.
- This option will get you **1 hour of X, N, D, O pesticide credits.**

	Date	Time	Day of week
1	January 19	8:30 AM	Thursday
2	February 14	8:30 AM	Tuesday
3	February 22	8:30 AM	Wednesday
4	March 14	8:30 AM	Tuesday
5	March 29	8:30 AM	Wednesday



- **OPTION 2:** Fridays in February

- Every Friday in February at 8:30 AM, the Washington County Extension office will be open for you to watch a 1 hour auxin training video.
- This option will get you **1 hour of X, N, D, O pesticide credit.**

- **OPTION 3:** Manufacturer's Training Options

- Bayer, BASF, and Syngenta are offering auxin training options on their respective websites. If you are interested in this option and have questions, give me a call.
- No pesticide credit is available if you choose to take a training with the manufacturers.

Respirator Fit Testing - BFMA Contract with Plymouth Primary Care

The BFMA has recently signed a contract with Plymouth Primary Care, allowing members (and employees of members) to receive respirator fit testing at a discounted rate. You can call and set up your appointment at a time that works for you!

- Medical Clearance Form - \$10
- Fit Testing - \$30

Other services offered at a discounted rate:

- DOT Physical Exam for CDLs - \$99
- Urine Drug Screen - \$45
- EKG - \$50
- Purified Protein Derivative (the Tuberculosis test) - \$19
- Hearing Test - \$45
- Random & Pre-Employment Drug Screens - \$45

Some things to note:

- Plymouth Primary Care asks that you make your appointments in advance by calling 252-793-4135.
- Let them know that you are a BFMA member and what medical service you need.
- Under this contract, Plymouth Primary Care does not accept insurance and asks that you pay up front or give an address for direct billing (farm address is fine).

Not a BFMA Member? You still have options:

- There will be a few fit testing clinics offered by Extension in the area. More information will come when dates are set
- The Hyde County Health Department is offering respirator fit testing January - March. Call 252-926-4399 to set up an appointment.
- You can become a BFMA member for \$25 a year on the BFMA website



January Meetings

- **Wed., January 11th - Hyde/Washington Estate Planning Meeting**
 - Ponzer Community Building
 - 10:00 - 11:30 am
 - Dr. Andrew Branan, JD - *Farm Succession & Property Disposition*
 - Matt Little / Tanner Coltrain - *Farm Bureau Estate Planning Program*
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- **Thurs., January 19th - Private Applicators Training - 2 hours V credit**
 - Zoom - link will be emailed soon
 - 8:00 - 10:00 am
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- **Tues., January 24th - The Business of Farming**
 - Southern Acres of Bath
 - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 - For more information, please contact Beaufort County Extension
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- **Tues., January 31st - Dig Into Soils Meeting**
 - Ponzer Community Building
 - 8:00 - 10:00 am
 - Sponsored Breakfast
 - Speakers: Drs. Mallory Choudoir, Ekrem Ozlu, Luke Gatiboni, & Stephanie Kulesza
- Topics:**
- Soil Microbiomes
 - Ca:Mg: K ratios
 - Micronutrients
 - Assessing New Manure Products
 - Soil Carbon
 - Saltwater Intrusion

February Meetings

- **Fri., February 3rd - BFMA Annual Business Meeting**

- Tidewater Research Station
 - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
 - Lunch Provided
 - Speaker: Jim Weisemeyer, Washington Policy Analyst
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- **Fri., February 3rd - Private Applicators Training - 2 hours V credit**

- Tidewater Research Station
 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm (after the BFMA Annual Meeting)
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- **Wed., February 8th - Soybean Meeting - 2 hours X, N, D, O credit**

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| ◦ Green Valley Farms | <u>OR</u> | ◦ Southern Acres of Bath |
| ◦ 8:00 - 10:00 am | | ◦ 12:00 - 3:00 pm |
| ◦ Sponsored Breakfast | | ◦ Sponsored Lunch |

Speakers: Drs. Wes Everman, Luke Gatiboni, Adrienne Gorny,
Ekrem Ozlu, Dominic Reisig, & Rachel Vann

- **Wed., February 8th - Private Applicators Training - 2 hours V credit**

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| ◦ Green Valley Farms | <u>OR</u> | ◦ Southern Acres of Bath |
| ◦ 10:15 am - 12:30 pm | | ◦ 9:30 - 11:30 am |

February Meetings, continued

- **Thurs., February 9th - Blacklands Cotton Meeting - 2 hours X, N, D, O credit**
 - Ponzer Community Building
 - 8:00 - 10:30 am
 - Sponsored Breakfast
 - Speakers: Drs. Charlie Cahoon, Guy Collins, & Dominic Reisig

- **Mon., February 13th - Corn Production Meeting - 2 hours X, N, D, O credit**
 - Tidewater Research Station
 - 8:00 - 10:00 am
 - Sponsored Breakfast
 - Swan Quarter Christian Church
 - 12:00 - 3:00 pm
 - Sponsored Lunch

OR

Speakers: Drs. Charlie Cahoon, Guy Collins, & Dominic Reisig

- **Mon., February 13th- Private Applicator Training - 2 hours V credit**
 - Swan Quarter Christian Church
 - 9:30 - 11:30 am

- **Mon., February 13th - Martin Co. Peanut Meeting - 2 hours X, N, D, O credit**
 - Williamston Farmers Market
 - 12:00 - 3:00 pm
 - Sponsored Lunch

- **Mon., February 20th - Water Management Considerations for Corn**
 - Southern Acres of Bath
 - 9:00 - 11:00 am
 - Speakers: Drs. Ron Heiniger & Chad Poole

Pesticide School & Exams

There will be a two-day Pesticide Safety School in Plymouth at the Tidewater Research Station at 8:30AM February 21st - 22nd.

The exam will be at 1:00 PM on Feb. 22nd.

Registration is required for both the school AND the exam.

Pesticide Safety
School Registration



Exam
Registration



Online exams are also available.



The online exams require a strong internet connection, a webcam, and Google Chrome. They can not be taken on a smart phone or iPad. If you have questions, let me know.



Thank You 2022 Cooperators and Volunteers

Extension doesn't work without your involvement!

Thank you to all those involved with Washington County Extension test plots and events in 2022. I'm looking forward to working with y'all in 2023!

I hope 2023 treats all of you well!



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If you are not on my email
list and would like to be,
please let me know.