FARMING WITH BENEFICIAL INSECTS FOR PESTICIDE CONTROL:
CONSERVATION BIOLOGICAL CONTROL SHORT COURSE

This is a full-day Conservation Biological Control short course. Topics include supporting beneficial insects that provide pest control, conservation biological control, integrating beneficial insects back into cropping systems. Participants will learn how common farm practices can impact beneficial insects and how to assess and create farm habitat for beneficial insects.

When: Tuesday April 17, 2018, 9AM - 4PM
Where: Tucson Plant Materials Center 3241 N Romero Rd Tucson, AZ 85705
Who: Growers, PCAs, Ag industry and government representatives, and anyone interested in beneficial insects & biocontrol in Arizona

Agenda / To register, click here

VACANT STAFF OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION

The Pinal County Cooperative Extension Office is currently seeking an Office Assistant (Extended Temporary Position) to assist in a variety of duties related to agriculture extension programming. If you know of anyone who might be interested, for details and to apply, visit www.uacareers.com. (Job #S24604). The University of Arizona is an EEO/AA-M/W/D/V Employer.

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COTTON ADVISORY

WEATHER UPDATE

- A dry storm system will pass through the region early this week, resulting in windy conditions and cooler temperatures through Tuesday. Precipitation with this system will be limited to the mountains of northeast AZ. High pressure returns by mid-week, resulting in sunny skies and above normal temperatures. High temperatures may exceed 90°F in lower elevation production areas late in the week.
- Growers planning to plant this week should monitor soil temperatures and updated forecasts. A good planting forecast calls for clear skies with maximum air temperatures above 80°F and minimum air temperatures of 48°F and above.
- See [https://www.ag.arizona.edu/azmet/cot-soil.htm](https://www.ag.arizona.edu/azmet/cot-soil.htm) to review soil temperatures from local AZMET stations.
- Last Week’s Bam Soil Temp for the averaged Pinal station:
  - Max = 62.8  MAR 31; Min = 55.9  MAR 25
- Last Week’s Rain: Maricopa = 0” / Coolidge = 0”
- Here are this week’s Cotton Advisories for different regions in Central Arizona

Coolidge / Maricopa / Pinal

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TWO RESPIRATORY FIT TESTING TRAINING EVENTS

Mike Wierda
Assistant In Extension, Pesticide Safety Education Program
Maricopa Agricultural Center

The University of Arizona Pesticide Safety Education Program will be offering two Respiratory Fit Testing Training events in May (Yuma, May 1st & Maricopa, May 3rd). The events will focus on respiratory safety related to pesticide usage. These events will cover regulatory requirements, identifying and purchasing respirators and cartridges, training requirements, medical clearance, fit testing, and safe use of respirators. The program will also prepare someone to become a Respiratory Safety Program Administrator and provide CEU safety training for applicators, mixer, and loaders using respirators.

Additionally, the opportunity to be professional fit tested for a respirator will be provided. Those who wish to be fit tested must complete their medical clearance and bring their certificate to the event. These events are bringing two subject area experts from the NC Agromedicine Institute to AZ. They bring years of experience and insights gained while conducting trainings in four states for over 200 individuals since 2014.

Further details including; locations, times, and registration links are available on the attached flyer.

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