

Franklin County Grower Meeting

January 23, 2025---Connell WA

748 W Elm St – 8:50am-3:00pm---Lunch Provided

Presented by FC County Noxious Weed Control Board & FC Horticultural Pest and Disease Board

*** 5 Pesticide Credits ***

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| 8:50-9:00 | Welcome – Sponsors of the Program |
| 9:00-9:50 | Certification and Training (C&T) Rule Changes and Your Pesticide License – This session will provide an overview of the updated certification and training requirements that will impact all licensees in Washington State. To comply with the updated federal C&T rule, WSDA will be updating all rules and requirements surrounding pesticide licensing, including category changes, training requirements, updates to direct supervision on non-certified applicators, and dealer recordkeeping. These changes will require a specialty credit for all licensees and even additional testing for some. This session is important in understanding how these changes affect your pesticide license. Presented by Christina Zimmerman, Program Manager, Licensing and Recertification Program, WSDA |
| 9:50-10:40 | FC Weeds of Concern & Program Updates – Discussion on priority weeds species in Franklin County to include timing for herbicide applications, herbicide chemistries and application rates used in roadside work, cost share priority weed species and collaborative projects targeting tree-of-heaven and Scotch thistle. Presented by Todd Harris, Program Coordinator and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager, FCWB |
| 10:40-11:40 | Emerging Pests – Discussion on invasive species and protecting Washington’s resources with a focus on pest biology, potential threats and eradication efforts. This talk will cover the rapidly spreading spotted lanternfly, newly emerged Japanese beetle and touch on spongy moth and northern giant hornet including pest introduction, early detection rapid response efforts, monitoring and evaluation. Presented by Cassie Chicorz, Plant Protection Division under Pest Management Program, WSDA |
| 11:40-12:40 | Lunch Provided |
| 12:40-1:30 | What Surfactants to Add to Spray Mixes to Increase Weed Uptake and Mixing Properly to Prevent Tank Mix Issues – Discussion on water conditioners to add to spray tanks for glyphosate products, proper strainers to use with SC herbicide, calibration, and mixing orders of the surfactants and range and pasture herbicides. Presented by Jerry Ellis, Envu, Vegetation Management Area Representative |
| 1:30-2:20 | Advancements in Drone Based Technology Over the Past Two Years – Discussion on advancements in hardware and firmware technologies that are continuously providing service providers with the abilities to enhance crop management practices including spraying, remote visual assessing and noxious weed detection, thus providing increases in yield and cost savings for agricultural producers. Presented by Kurt Beckley, Altitude Agri Services, LLC |
| 2:20-2:55 | Farm Service Agency Updates
Bruce Clatterbuck, County Executive Director |
| 2:55-3:00 | Closing Remarks and Adjourn |