Save the Dates!

Hands on Fire Ant Management In-Service Training

May 3, 4, and 5th, 2016

9 AM – 3 PM

May 3
Covington Co.
Extension Office
Andalusia, AL

May 4
Chilton Research &
Extension Center
Clanton, AL

May 5
Cullman AgriPlex
Cullman, AL

Instructors

Kathy Flanders
Fudd Graham
Henry Dorough
Tim Davis, Clemson University

At least 2 local agents will assist with each training

Participants will be eligible for Pesticide Applicator CEU’s
Tentative Agenda

9:00-9:30 AM: Hands on: Pretreatment assessment of fire ant populations at the demonstration site

9:30-10:00: On each day, we will start with a Scopia web conference for ACES employees who are not interested in an entire day of training:

May 3: 30 min Scopia training: what every CEC and Office Admin needs to know about fire ants in 30 minutes or less – Dr. Jason Oliver, Tennessee State University

May 4: 30 min Scopia training: what every 4-H and Ag agent needs to know about fire ant educational materials for kids – Dr. Paul Nester, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

May 5: 30 min Scopia training: what every Family and Consumer Sciences agent needs to know about fire ant safety: how fire ants sting, how to treat a fire ant sting, dealing with fire ants inside houses, day care centers and nursing homes – Dr. Donna Shanklin, Alabama Cooperative Extension System

10:00-10:30: Update on fire ant biology – Dr. Timothy Davis, Clemson Cooperative Extension

10:30-11:00: Update on contact insecticides – Dr. Kathy Flanders, Auburn University and Alabama Cooperative Extension System

11:00-11:30: Update on fire ant baits – Mr. Henry Dorough, Auburn University and Alabama Cooperative Extension System

11:30-12: Update on Tawny crazy ants – Dr. Fudd Graham, Auburn University

12:00-1:00 lunch

1:00- 1:30: Update on fire ant biological control – Dr. Fudd Graham

1:30-3 PM: Herd Seeder clinic and fire ant bait demonstration. Bring your Herd seeder if you have one along with all your vehicle mounts. A representative of the Herd seeder manufacturer will be present to provide tune ups. We will have a swap meet for the vehicle mounts so you get the one most useful to you. After making sure every herd seeder is repaired and calibrated, we will treat a public area for fire ants (local host will choose the site). Those who have 4 wheelers, please bring them. Those who have hand seeders, please bring those too so we can demonstrate their use and treat the parts that are hard to get to with the Herd seeder. All instructors will participate.