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August Sussex Ag Notes

Field day is Wednesday, August 8 from 8:30 to noon. See the enclosed program for details.

Delmarva Carbon Sequestration Workshop is being held on August 23 at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover from 9 to 4. The meeting will cover what is carbon sequestration and is it a source of income for farmers. Contact our office for program details.

Our new 911 Address is 16684 County Seat Highway, Georgetown, DE 19947. If you have not called or sent in **your new 911 addresses**, please do it now. The new addresses take effect on June 30, 2001.

Our County (REC) web page has the Weekly Crop Update and is linked to IPM page. The address is www.rec.udel.edu. The IPM and Weekly Crop Update both include pest alerts for the soybean pod feeders.

You will also find my web links under staff profiles; I have links to many Ag pages including most of the major chemical companies. The companies do post their national and some of their state pesticide labels on their websites.

In the publication section, you will find many of our variety test results. If you want see or get copies of fact sheets go to <http://ag.udel.edu/extension/index.html>

Grower e-mail list – I have a grower email list that I use to send out quick messages or newsletters. If you would like to be on the e-mail list contact me at derby@udel.edu.

Contacting us -You can leave a message at the general message center 856-7303-5 anytime of day and our secretaries will forward the message to the specified person or direct your question to the appropriate person. The advantage of leaving a message at the message center is it can be forwarded to a cell phone or re-directed to someone else. The secretary needs to know if the message is only for a specific person or are you willing talk to anyone who can answer the call.

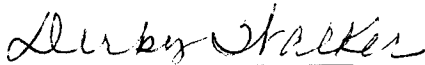
You can also leave a message in a specific voice mailbox (Derby Walker 321), (Jay Windsor 332) but this can be a disadvantage to you. If I am out of town you not get a response for several days by leaving a message at message center another agent will response to your request.

Dr. Kathleen Curran is doing a study of Delaware ticks and the diseases they transmit (mainly Lyme and Rock Mountain Spotted Fever). If you are bitten, you can send the tick to her and she will analysis it. She is mapping what ticks carry these diseases and where these ticks are located in the state. Her address is Dr. Kathleen Curran, Wesley College, 120 North State St, Dover, DE 19901. It is best to put the tick in alcohol to send to her but she will accept them taped to paper. She needs your name, address, phone number, when and where bitten.

Things to do in August

- 1. Watch spider mite buildup in soybeans**
- 2. Watch markets for chance to sell grains**
- 3. Mid-August to early September watch for soybean podworms**
- 4. Check corn for signs of leaf blight that may lead to stalk quality problems. End of August and September check corn for signs of stalk rot, and root lodging problems. Harvest problems fields early to avoid having to harvest down corn. Note which varieties have problems.**
- 5. Check soybeans for signs of soybean cyst nematodes and sudden death syndrome (SDS). There were 2 fields of SDS in 2000 and we had similar cool weather pattern this year. The two fields were in the Atlanta area and northeast of Millsboro.**
- 6. Identify weed control problems especially new weeds. This will help in planning next years weed control program.**

Pesticide Certification – September 4 & 5, Kent County Office – Register with Delaware Department of Agriculture Pesticide Section – 1-800-282-8685



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