



Minutes Franklin Parish ANR Advisory Leadership Council

The Franklin Parish ANR Row Crop Advisory Leadership Council met in the Pest Management Lab at the Macon Ridge Research Station on March 28, 2011 at 11:45 a. m. Present were Jack Dailey, Clark McCain, Hank Jones, James Moore, Matt Raley, and Dustin Wright. Absent were Adam Faulk and “JR” Reeves. Carol Pinnell-Alison, County Agent, Dr. John Barnett, LSU AgCenter NE Regional Director and James Hendrix, Parish Chair participated in the meeting.

The new committee members and guests were introduced. The role of the council was reviewed. The minutes from the last council meeting were read.

The members were asked to give input on educational program areas that needed to be addressed by the LSU AgCenter in the parish. The committee issues were:

- Continue to conduct variety demonstrations on producer farms. From a state wide perspective have variety core block tests at various locations with different soil types, with irrigation and with different environmental conditions. Post information on parish and LSU AgCenter web site.

- Develop fact sheets using a systems approach for management of row crops including various scenarios for pest control based on crop and pest stage of development.

- Provide information on managing weed herbicide resistance in the growing season and during the winter months. Need information on weed management options for hard to control winter weeds on highly erodible land that needs winter vegetation to maintain row integrity.

- Expand verification program to include all major row crops.

- Hold an educational training on managing financial risk through marketing crops.

- Provide information related to environmental concerns like pesticide drift management and burning crop residue. Include equipment demonstration for managing crop residue.

One committee member pointed out that the new Cotton/Feed Grains Extension Specialist, Dr. John Kruse, was an excellent resource for soil fertility information and for producers to utilize the LSU AgCenter soils lab.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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