Rolling Crop Tour

In July of each year the LSU AgCenter hosts an interagency Rolling Crop Tour in collaboration with NRCS and LDAF. The purpose of this collaboration is to highlight and discuss agricultural initiatives and programs, tour demonstration plots in each participating parish and hear updates from each agency. The 2016 Rolling Crop Tour will feature stops in East Carroll, West Carroll and Morehouse Parishes. Producers are invited to attend all or any part of the tour. The East Carroll stop will be held on Robbie and Keith Howard Farms and will feature a demonstration on pre-emergence herbicide programs and an irrigation stop demonstrating water filtration in conventional till vs. no-till soybean. The West Carroll stop will be on the Ty Rogers farm and will feature corn and soybean variety demonstrations, disease updates and information on Enlist Soybeans. The Morehouse Parish stop will be on Macon Lafoe’s Farm and will include an irrigation demonstration with updates from the LSU AgCenter and NRCS, field crop insect updates and regulatory updates from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The event will be held on July 27th and will begin at 9am at the Rayville Civic Center. The group will travel from there to all tour stops. Transportation will be provided.
Computer Hole Selection

Improve irrigation efficiency of furrow irrigation by using computerized hole-selection. Computerized hole selection software such as PHAUCET (available from USDA NRCS) or Pipe Planner (available from Delta Plastics, Inc.) computes flow and pressures in lay-flat tubing for even distribution of water from the punched holes, even for varying row lengths. Down-row uniformity means rows are watered evenly, reducing tail water and conserving water and energy. If you have questions on computerized hole selection please contact your local county agent.

Irrigation Well Flow Testing

Knowing the output of your irrigation well is the first step in well water efficiency. LSU AgCenter has 3 flowmeters that can be used by producers to test their wells. Sizes are 8”, 10” and 12”. Contact your local county agent if interested in borrowing a flow meter.
Pesticide Safety

All pesticides have some level of risk. If you work with pesticides like herbicides, insecticides and fungicides on a regular basis, your risk is greater because your exposure is greater. Even though some pesticides may not make you sick on a daily basis, long-term (chronic) exposure to certain pesticides may increase your risk of chronic health effects. Therefore, it is important to take steps to reduce your risk by minimizing your exposure to all the pesticides you work with.

- Always follow the label. The directions on a pesticide label are there to protect you and others from becoming over-exposed.

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can be uncomfortable to wear, but it can protect you from being over-exposed. Read the label to find the appropriate PPE or contact your local county agent.

- Wear your PPE when you are mixing, loading, or when you are cleaning the equipment. Consider bringing an extra set of clothes to change into at work in case you get pesticides on your clothes.

- Never transfer pesticides to other containers.

For more information contact your local county agent.

Ag Points provides updates for the agricultural industry in East Carroll, West Carroll and Madison Parishes.