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2021 Arkansas Crop Management Conference Program Virtual Program Proposed

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The 2021 ACMC program will be offered virtually through 2 platforms: zoom meeting and an ACMC webpage. Attendees will register and pay via the ACMC webpage which will also provide zoom meeting links to the live conference kick-off, 24 presentations and a live Q/A session. Total hours offered will be 29-32. Once attendees register online through the ACMC webpage and pay their fees, they will be provided the link for this session. This meeting will be conducted via zoom meeting with a live moderator for Q/A. 5 credit hours will be available for live zoom sessions. The attendance will be documented and reported via the U of A

Zoom Coordinator to Arkansas State Plant Board and CCA board. The U of A coordinator will also provide detailed instructions for those unfamiliar with zoom. The Arkansas Crop Management Conference will kick off Tuesday January 19 at 1:00 with 5 live sessions that will be featured speakers. Wednesday January 20, 8:00 a.m. All presentations go live with attendee that have registered having a pass code to gain access to the programs on line. Continuing education credits will be reported to the Arkansas State Plant Board and CCA. The ACMC program will include 24 prerecorded talks available on an ACMC webpage (to be set-up by our web devel-

oper). Through this website, attendance of the full 45-minute presentations will be documented, for about 27 hours of credit including the 2-3 hours of Industry updates. Speakers will be responsible for recording their own presentation and audio, with assistance from the U of A communications team. Presenters will be asked when they accept the opportunity to present if they will participate in a live Q/A session on February 3. Industry updates: 2-3 hours of 5-10-minute prerecorded talks. 1 hour sessions will include as many industry updates as time allows and we will have 2 or 3 of these sessions. Industry representatives will be asked to provide contact information at the end of their presentation.

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News Concerning Atrazine and Dicamba

On Friday, September 18th, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced that EPA had established an interim decision supporting the continued use of atrazine, propazine and simazine. The EPA did implement some modifications to how these products can be applied. After a thorough review of the best available science and carefully

considering scientific peer review and public comments, EPA has determined that certain mitigation measures are warranted for these three herbicides in order to address potential human health and ecological risk. Specifically, the agency is requiring the following mitigation measures: Reducing the maximum application rate for atrazine and simazine on residential turf to protect children; Add-

ing a requirement for irrigation immediately after simazine application to residential turf; Requiring additional personal protective equipment for workers; Finalizing label requirements for all three triazines to include mandatory spray drift control measures; Finalizing label directions for herbicide resistance to atrazine.

About Dicamba, during a recent

media interview, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler stated that the agency was expecting to deliver a registration decision for dicamba by the middle of October. In making the statement, he noted that the October decision would be focused on the three registrations that were ordered vacated by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Activities of Arkansas Crop Protection Association

Arkansas Crop Protection Association is a non-profit organization with an educational goal for agriculture. We support several educational events and charitable events including:

- Support Ruel Nester endowed scholarship at Arkansas State University.
- Arkansas State University, 2 scholarships annually.
- University of Arkansas, 2 scholarships annually.

- University of Arkansas, Monticello, 2 scholarships annually.
- Ag for Autism support annually.
- 4H Foundation support in honor of Dr. Rick Cartwright.
- Arkansas Crop Management Conference, support and coordinate.
- ACPA Research Conference, annually conduct

student speaking competition.

- Representative on Arkansas State Plant Board.
- Plan on support for an endowed scholarship, University of Arkansas.
- Publish 4 newsletters annually.
- Maintain website for ACPA.
- Plan on conducting virtual meeting for Arkansas Crop Management for 2021.

We have many gracious sustaining members that support the Arkansas Crop Protection Association annually. The activities of our organization would not be possible without their support. We have several different types of sustaining members including corporate, state business and individual. We would like to extend an invitation to become a sustaining member, call or email Don Johnson.

Rick Crawford Introduces Bill to Establish New Intelligence Office at USDA

Arkansas First District Congressman Rick Crawford introduced a new bill known as the Agricultural Intelligence Measures, or AIM Act, to establish an intelligence office within USDA to monitor and address potential foreign threats related to agriculture. Such threats include cyber crimes, intellectual property theft, espionage, and more. The goal of such an office would be to aid the U.S. intelligence community in its ongoing efforts and to place the U.S. on a more offensive position towards threats and potential threats to homeland security as it relates to agriculture.

The act would establish the Department an Office of Intelligence. The Office would be under the National Intelligence Program. The Office shall be headed by the Director of the Office of Intelligence, who shall be an employee in the Senior Executive Service and who shall

be appointed by the Secretary. The Director shall report directly to the Secretary. The Director may appoint and fix the compensation of such staff as the Director considers appropriate, except that the Director may not appoint more than 5 full-time equivalent positions at an annual rate of pay equal to or greater than the maximum rate of basic pay for GS-15 of the General Schedule.

The Office shall carry out the following duties: The Office shall be responsible for leveraging the capabilities of the intelligence community and National Laboratories intelligence-related research, to ensure that the Secretary is fully informed of threats by foreign actors to United States agriculture.

They will also focus on understanding foreign efforts to steal United States agriculture knowledge and technology and develop or implement biological

warfare attacks, cyber or clandestine operations, or other means of sabotaging and disrupting United States agriculture. The Office shall conduct or facilitate intelligence briefings for the Secretary and appropriate officials of the Department of Agriculture. In addition they would operate as the liaison between the Secretary and the intelligence community, with the authority to request intelligence collection and analysis

on matters related to United States agriculture. The Office shall collaborate with the intelligence community to downgrade intelligence assessments for broader dissemination within the Department and facilitate sharing information on foreign activities related to agriculture, as acquired by the Department with the intelligence community.



Representative Rick Crawford introduced bill.

A Supporter and Member of Arkansas Crop Protection Association, Stacey Bruff, Will Be Missed

Dr. Stacey Alan Bruff, 57, a resident of Union City, died Wednesday morning, September 23, 2020, at Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville.

Funeral services were conducted at White-Ranson Funeral Home with Rev. Jim Hamblin officiating. Burial was in Bruff Cemetery, Skullbone, TN.

Pallbearers were Taylor Bruff, Jackson Bruff, Todd Theobald, Hal Bynum, Scott Cummings, Carlton Fisher, Geoff Vestal, Jimmy Flood and Frank Groves. Stacey was born November 9, 1962, in Columbia, SC, son of Johnny and Patsy (Knott) Bruff. He graduated from University of Tennessee at Martin with a BS degree in agriculture. He obtained his Masters degree from Mississippi State University and his Doctorate degree from Louisiana State University. He was an alumni of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. He married the former Sherri Randolph September 21, 2020. She survives. He was a

divisional seed manager for Nutrien Ag Solutions and was a member of Southwest Church of Christ, Jonesboro, AR. The family requests memorials be sent to: Young Life of Arkansas, 1901 Napa Valley Dr, Little Rock, AR 72212. Stacey is also survived by a daughter and her husband, Adeline (Kyle) Cook; a son, Colton Bruff of Jonesboro, AR; two brothers and their wives, Tracy (Jennifer) Bruff and Gordon (Amanda) Bruff both of Union City; two nieces, Allison Bruff of Washington, DC and Abby Bruff of Union City; two nephews, Taylor (Kelsy) Bruff of Raleigh, NC and Jackson Bruff of Union City; his aunt, Dean Rogers; and his cousin/sister and her husband, Cindy (Jimmy) Tate both of Paris.

Condolences may be sent to the family at the funeral home website:

<https://www.white-ranson.com/obituary/stacey-bruff>



Stacy Bruff was member of Arkansas Crop Protection Association. He always greeted everyone with a smile and we will miss him.