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2021 Arkansas Crop Protection Association Research Conference Offers Last Minute CEU's

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The annual Arkansas Crop Protection Association Research Conference will be in person starting Tuesday, November 30, and ending Wednesday, December 1. The meeting will run approximately 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Tuesday afternoon and from 8:00 am to 11:30 am Wednesday morning. This meeting showcases our current graduate and undergraduate students working

in agriculture in Arkansas. These presentations cover multiple aspects of crop, nutrient, and water management. Most of these projects are funded by check off dollars administered by the various promotion boards in Arkansas (Soybean, Rice, Corn, and Cotton). Growers, consultants, and industry representatives are encouraged to attend to get the latest on ways to

maintain profitability growing row crops. We will be offering CEU's various areas depending on the presentation subject matter. Registration for the meeting is \$50 per person this year, and you can register at the hotel. The meeting will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fayetteville, a very nice hotel and easily accessed. Address: Hilton Garden Inn (479-856-6040), 1325 N. Palak Dr., Fayetteville, AR, 72704

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Otis Howe Selected to be Executive Director of Arkansas Crop Protection Association

I have been asked by the Arkansas Crop Protection Association (ACPA) Board of Directors to take over from Don Johnson next year as the Executive Director. Don has done a fantastic job for this organization, but he has decided to retire.

My wife Dawn and I have two married children and five grandchildren. Dawn is Executive Director of the Southwest Soybean Association and Christian Education Support Lead at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. I teach 3-6 year old Sunday School at Trinity and serve as acolyte coordinator. Our daughter Jessica is an archaeologist with the Arkansas Department of Heritage in Little Rock and our son

Peter is a Research Scientist with Corteva in Johnston, IA.

I received a B.S. in Agronomy and an M.S. in Agronomy (Weed Science) from the University of Arkansas. I worked for DuPont/Pioneer (Corteva) for 37 years, the first half of my career as a sales rep for DuPont Crop Protection and second half of my career as an agronomist for Pioneer. Cliff Coker and I started C H Crop Consulting 3 years ago after both of us retired from Pioneer.

I attended my first ACPA meeting (then it was the Arkansas Agricultural Chemical Association) as a graduate student in Weed Science in 1978 and have been a member since that time. I served on the ACPA board as an industry repre-

sentative; and I served for 24 years as ACPA's nominee to the Arkansas State Plant Board.

Agriculture is our state's largest industry, and I hope to help keep ACPA active in supporting agriculture. I believe our role in supporting our members and industry through activities like continuing education opportunities, field day support, graduate student contests, and scholarships are important for agriculture in Arkansas.

I know I have big shoes to fill replacing Don, but I look forward to the challenge. I look forward to working with our members in the future. My email is otis.howe3@gmail.com and my cell phone is 501-690-4297.



ACPA Welcomes Otis to Our Staff. Otis was ACPA Plant Board Rep for many years and knows Arkansas agriculture,

Arkansas Crop Management Conference 2022 Will Be at North Little Rock Riverfront Wyndham Hotel

The Arkansas Crop Management Conference is scheduled for January 18-20, 2022, at the Wyndham Riverfront, North Little Rock, AR. The 2022 conference will have 20+ educational credits available. Those wishing to make reservations may call the hotel toll free number at 866-657-4458 or the hotel directly at 501-371-9000 to make

reservations. Please mention Arkansas Crop Management when calling in order to receive the special conference rate. The ACMC program will be a diverse program developed by the program committee and coordinated by chairman and ACPA President Elect Dereck Clarkson. Registration will be on-line (soon) and also at the Hotel.

The Program Committee met August 19 and has a great selection of topics. Thanks to everyone that assisted in development of the program. The program committee includes members of the Arkansas Plant Food Association, Certified Crop Advisors, Arkansas Crop Consultants Association, Arkansas Crop Protection Association

and University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. The meeting will have several events that support the meeting including an Awards Luncheon, Social Hours in evening, a Silent Auction for Scholarship Support and a Morning Devotional. Plan to attend and enjoy visiting with others in agriculture.

A Past President of Arkansas Crop Protection Association, Terry Ray Gairhan of Jonesboro Passed March 28, 2021

Terry Ray Gairhan of Jonesboro departed this life on Sunday, March 28, 2021. He was born Tuesday, April 14, 1953, in Trumann, AR, and lived in Jonesboro the past 26 years. He graduated college from Arkansas State University with an Agriculture Economics Degree. Wherever there was a philanthropic call to have some good times cooking, Terry made himself available. Terry leaves a legacy in agriculture that will be remembered for a long time. He began his agriculture career working for Paul Hanshaw in Jonesboro. Later his work in ag business with several companies that eventually became Bayer moved Terry and Debbie to Sikeston, Missouri; Columbus,

Ohio; Kansas City, Missouri; and eventually he was called back home to Jonesboro. Moving back to Jonesboro as the National Sales Manager for cotton was a large achievement. Before retiring earlier this year he ended his ag career working for Nichino America. Terry loved working with people and helping them reach their goals just as much as he prided himself in achieving his own. He believed in Jonesboro and loved telling people where he lived, and he was even more excited about telling people all things Red Wolf. As a member of the ASU Marching band, he was just as proud of the half-time show as he was the winning touchdown pass. Terry was well known as one of the first tailgaters to start the tradition outside ASU's stadium. If you ever at-

tended one of these tailgates, you didn't leave hungry. His sincere love for his family was evident in every aspect of his life. From his cherished marriage of almost 43 years, to his children, he never missed milestones or special moments to his granddaughter that he'd move mountains to spoil. To countless other siblings and "outlaws," nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends as close as family he made feel so special with every holiday and gathering. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Wright Gairhan of the home; one son, Zachary (Kaycee) Gairhan of Jonesboro; one daughter, Emily Gairhan Boyd of Searcy, AR; one brother, Michael (Susie) Gairhan of Trumann; one granddaughter, Savannah Boyd of Searcy. For anyone wishing to contribute to a memorial, the family has request-



ed donations be made to the Terry R. Gairhan Memorial Scholarship. Make checks out to ASU Foundation, P.O. Box 1990, State University, AR 72467 and note Terry Gairhan Scholarship. Terry was an avid supporter of ACPA that always attended meetings and maintained support from his company. Terry always had a smile on his face and enjoyed life in Jonesboro. We will greatly miss Terry.

Dr. Mark Cochran, Head of UA System's Division of Agriculture, Announces Retirement

The University of Arkansas announced the retirement of Dr. Mark Cochran as Vice President of Agriculture for the University of Arkansas effective September 30, 2021. Cochran has held the post since January 2011, and had previously served as Associate Vice President and head of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, the re-

search arm of the Division of Agriculture. Prior to his appointment as AVP, Cochran spent a decade as head of the Department of Agriculture and Agribusiness at the University of Arkansas with much of his focus in agriculture economics. During his time with the Division of Agriculture, Dr. Cochran has led and overseen many advancements in the area of research and exten-

sion services. The University stated everyone was grateful for his commitment to serving row crop agriculture and maintaining a strong land grant institution steeped in research and extension efforts to advance agriculture. University System President Dr. Donald Bobbitt stated that he and the Board of Trustees would begin the process to find a qualified candidate to fill the post.



Arkansas Crop Protection Association Plant Board Representative

The Arkansas State Plant Board composition has been the subject of law suits recently and as a result the selection of ACPA plant board representative has changed. Under the old law ACPA voted on a plant board representative and submitted the name to the governor. The situation changed when the law that allowed private agriculture trade groups to name members to the board was overturned by the Supreme Court. The court said the General Assembly had unconstitutionally delegated its appointment

powers to groups not accountable to the public. At the time of the court's ruling, 9 of the board's 16 members with voting privileges represented trade groups for farmers, seed dealers, seed growers, pesticide manufacturers, aerial applicators and other facets of Arkansas agriculture. Seven other members who are directly appointed by the governor remain on the board. Two other members represent the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture but don't have voting privileges. While the case was pending, the General Assembly passed Act

361, allowing the trade groups to submit two names of members to the governor for possible appointment to the board. The governor would then select one member to represent the group. More than one legislator testified during committee hearings that the bill, if passed, would solve problems posed by the 1917 law. The new law gives the governor no recourse if he objects to both names submitted by a group. Selections by the governor are subject to Senate confirmation. A new lawsuit was filed Friday, August 20th, against the Arkansas State Plant Board once again chal-

lenging the composition of the board. The suit claims that the new law adopted earlier this year (Act 361), establishing the nomination and appointment process for plant board membership, is unconstitutional. While having no comment on the lawsuit, Gov. Asa Hutchinson said through a spokeswoman he is proceeding with appointments to the board. "I have received a list of names from associations designated in Act 361 and will be reviewing the nominees," Hutchinson said. ACPA has submitted two names to the Governor and we are currently waiting on him to make a decision.

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