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Commercial Horticulture:
Future Cooperative Extension Programs, Business Planning and Crop Production Issues & Alternative Crops

This newsletter is intended for people interested in commercial fruit and vegetable production, business planning and North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service meetings throughout North Carolina. For back issues of this newsletter please go to the Jones County Extension website and click on the Commercial Horticulture, Nursery & Turf menu option on the left side of the website. The website address is: http://jones.ces.ncsu.edu

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Upcoming Workshops, Tours & Meetings

June 3, 2008. Fresh Market Muscadine Grape Producers Meeting. Two local blueberry packing operations that want to use their labor force to harvest and package muscadine grapes. They will be speaking about marketing opportunities at this meeting. Contact the Duplin County Extension office at (910) 296-2143 to register by May 30 and for more information.

Crop Production

Two New Fruit and Vegetable Insecticides are Available for Use in North Carolina.

Dr. Mark Abney, Vegetable Entomology professor at NCSU, recently reported that two new vegetable insecticides had received approval for use in North Carolina for the 2008 crop season. These products are Altacor and Coragen from DuPont™ Crop Protection. The label for Altacor can be found online at: http://www.cdms.net/LDat/ld8KE000.pdf and the label for Coragen can be found online at: http://www.cdms.net/LDat/ld8KF000.pdf

Altacor is a Group 28 insecticide labeled for use in foliar applications. It is labeled for use on a wide range of fruit and vegetable crops as well as cotton. Re-entry intervals range from 10-21 days depending on the crop. No more than four applications ranging from 2.0 to 4.5 oz. per acre are allowed per season.

Coragen is also a Group 28 insecticide with label applications for use in drip irrigation systems. The minimum interval between treatments is 5 days for foliar applications and 10 days for drip chemigation applications. Do not apply more than 15.4 fl oz CORAGEN® (0.2 lbs a.i.) per acre per crop per season.

Further directions and use restrictions can be found on the labels of these products. As always follow all use directions and safety precautions listed on the labels of these products.

FYI...

I will be out of the office from May 22, 2008 through June 1, 2008. I asked, she (Robin Taylor) said, “Yes, when!” and when is May 25, 2008. If you have a fruit or vegetable production questions please contact Bill Jester at the Cunningham Research Station at (252) 526-4445 or Allan Thornton at the Sampson County Extension office at (910) 592-7161. I will be back in the office on Monday, June 2, 2008.

If you have questions about any of the information, upcoming meetings, business strategies, or crop production management issues, please call me at the Jones County Extension Center at (252) 448-9621. I can also be reached by email at: Mark_Seitz@ncsu.edu