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New Web Sites for Homeowner Insect Pests: Five new web sites were recently added under the ‘insects’ portion of the MSUcares home page. The main objective of these sites is to make extension information on identification, management, and control of insect pests that occur in and around the home more easily accessible.

These sites direct the user to publications that contain information and recommendations on management and control of specific insect pests. Some of these publications are fairly large, but these large publications are indexed and users can quickly navigate to the pest of interest by using the ‘bookmarks’ feature. The sites also provide links to other current extension publications and past Bug-Wise Newsletters that address relevant topics.

The specific areas addressed by these ‘homeowner insect sites’ are:

- Home Lawn Insects
- Ornamental Plant Pests
- Vegetable Garden Insects
- Pests in the Home
- Fire Ants

The Fire Ant site contains information on fire ant biology and recommendations for controlling fire ants in the different situations where they occur. The different situations addressed are:

- Fire Ants in Home Lawns
- Fire Ants in Pastures, Hayfields and Barnyards
- Fire Ants in Commercial Fruits, Nuts, and Vegetables
- Fire Ants in Home Vegetable Gardens
- Organic Fire Ant Control
- Fire Ants in Commercial Turf
- Fire Ants in Commercial Sod and Nursery Stock
- Indoor Fire Ant Invasions

You can access these sites by going to www.msucare.com and moving your cursor to ‘insects, plant diseases, and pesticides’, then to ‘insects’ in the pop-up window, then clicking on your topic of choice in the next pop-up window.

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{S} = Statewide assignment {A} = Area assignment

The above assignments show which scientist has primary responsibility for each area.

You can contact area entomology specialists for any insect problem located in their geographic area.