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## INTRODUCTION

It's that time of year again. Preparations for the upcoming growing season have begun. MSU Extension has many tools and programs to assist in your endeavors this year.

## 2021 DELTA AG EXPO

Due to Covid-19 concerns and on-going renovations taking place at the Expo Building in Cleveland, the 2021 Delta Ag Expo will be held at the Capps Auditorium at the Delta Research & Extension Center in Stoneville.

The 2021 Delta Ag Expo will be held on **February 17<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at **8:30 am**.

The agenda will consist of Mississippi State University Research and Extension scientists' updates on soybean, corn, and cotton production, irrigation management, and management of weeds, diseases, and insects. There will be seating for 50 in the Capps Auditorium.

**The online registration portal will allow up to 50 people to register for on-site attendance. Once the 50 registrant threshold has been met, registrants will be provided a link to the Zoom webinar.**

Registration can be accessed through the Delta Ag Expo Website

[www.deltaagexpo.com](http://www.deltaagexpo.com)

## PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

The Bolivar County Extension Office will be offering two in-person private applicator trainings this month. The trainings will be offered on **Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** and **Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Location:** Bolivar County Ag Center (Milton and Clarence Smith Building) Auditorium. 406 North Martin Luther King Dr. Cleveland, MS 38732

Due to Covid-19 **limited seats** are available. Please call the Bolivar County Extension Office at **662-843-8361** to **RESERVE** your spot.

Cost for this training is \$20.00 per person. Check is the preferred method of payment. Please make your check payable to MSU-ES

## NO CASH PLEASE

Online private applicator training is also available for those who are unable to participate or would prefer not to attend in-person.

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# Private Applicator

## TRAINING AND TESTING ONLINE

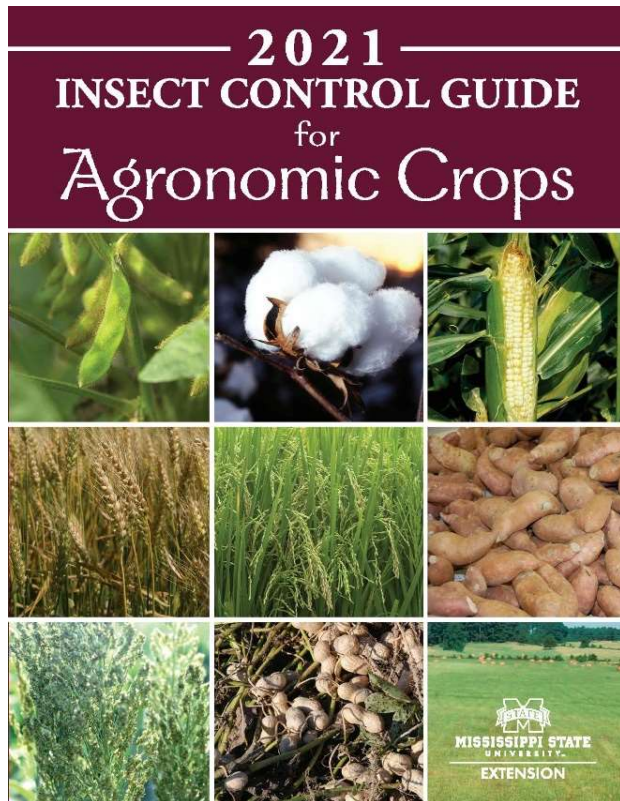
Watch the training modules, pass the exam, and receive your private applicator certification from MDAC Bureau of Plant Industry.

# \$20 COST

Visit <http://msuext.ms/agmes>  
or contact your local MSU Extension office for info on how to register.

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## 2021 INSECT CONTROL GUIDES



The 2021 Insect Control Guides are here. Hard copies are available for pickup at our Bolivar County Extension Office.

The publication can also be accessed online at <https://extension.msstate.edu/>

## ON-FARM SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR PROGRAM

Understanding the effects of rainfall and irrigation events on soil moisture provides critical insight for growers about the present growing environment for their crops. While experienced growers have learned over seasons of observations how their soils and water interact, utilizing a soil moisture measuring device of some sort enables them to put a number on their observations and more accurately track trends over time.

Dr. Drew Gholson, our MSU Extension Irrigation Specialist in cooperation with NCAAR, has developed a program designed

to help farmers by providing and installing soil moisture sensors, offering season-long training and instruction on how to use sensor data for more confident decision making.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact our office at **662-843-8361** or contact me directly.

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## ARC/PLC PROGRAM

Under the 2018 Farm Bill, row crop producers now have a yearly decision on enrolling base acres in either the ARC-CO or PLC programs. The sign-up date for the 2021 crop year is **March 15<sup>th</sup>**

MSU Department of Agricultural Economics has created a decision tool for producers to compare expected payments from the programs. The decision aid can be accessed at

<https://msuagecon.github.io/FarmBill21/>

## MISSISSIPPI CROPS WEBSITE

For frequent updates and articles on the state crop situation check out:

<https://www.mississippi-crops.com/>

This is a great tool put together by Mississippi State University Extension Specialists to provide timely, relevant information on the current situation of Mississippi agriculture.

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