

# Kansas State University Extension Entomology Newsletter

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## **SORGHUM**

Most sorghum throughout south and north central Kansas has developed past the stage that might be susceptible to infestations by sorghum headworms (susceptible stage is generally considered to be between flowering and soft dough). However, some late-planted fields may still be vulnerable to headworm infestations (see Fig 1) but fortunately, infestations remain very low.



**Figure 1 Headworm (found 8 Oct 2020) (Cayden Wyckoff)**

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Sugarcane aphids are still migrating into the state, and probably will until we get much cooler temperatures and fewer south winds. Fortunately, beneficials (see fig 2 of pink spotted lady beetle) are still plentiful in most sorghum fields. All sugarcane aphids detected in the last 10 days on later planted sorghum had only small, scattered colonies of sugarcane aphids (see fig 3).



Figure 2 Pink spotted lady beetle (Cayden Wyckoff)



Figure 3 Sugarcane aphid colonies (Cayden Wyckoff)

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## VOLUNTEER WHEAT

Much wheat has been planted but much is still to be planted. Please remember that volunteer wheat (see fig 4) needs to be dead at least 3 weeks prior to planted wheat germinating. This really helps mitigate wheat pests that may be utilizing this volunteer wheat as a "green bridge"-- just waiting to move from these plants to infest the germinating new plants.



Figure 4 Volunteer Wheat (Cayden Wyckoff)

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## Commercial Applicator Recertification Training Changes for 2020

Each year in the fall, I plan trainings and look forward to seeing applicators from across the state as they attend these commercial recertification-training programs. This year will look a lot different in terms of training opportunities. Due to the ever presence of Covid, the Kansas State Pesticide Safety Program will be hosting virtual training opportunities through zoom. This will allow the applicator to obtain pest management credits from the safety of his or her home or office. I have heard from some applicators that feel they are technologically challenged, but don't let that keep you from trying a new way of learning. The team is here to help you every step of the way!

The Kansas State Pesticide Safety Program is hosting training on the following dates:

- October 20 – 21 (9:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) (1:20 p.m. -3:30 p.m.) Right-of-Way, Industrial Weed, and Noxious Weed Training (Category 6, 7C, & 9A)
- November 2 (12:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.) and November 3 (8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) Stored Product Pests and Seed Treatment (Category 7B & 4)
- November 4 (9:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) Ornamental, Turf and Interiorscape (Category 3A, 3B, & 3C)
- November 9 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Ag Plant (Category 1A)
- November 10 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Structural and Public Health (Category 7D, 7E & 8)
- November 10 (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Core Hour
- November 12 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Wood Destroying and Wood Preservation (Category 7A & 7F)
- November 12 (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Core Hour
- November 13 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Forest Pest, Ornamental, Turf and Interiorscape (Category 2, 3A, 3B & 3C)

Flyers containing the registration information can be found on the Pesticide Safety and IPM webpage at: <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/commercial-applicator.html>. If you use Facebook, you may want to consider liking the Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM program page, which can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/KSRE-Pesticide-Safety-and-Integrated-Pest-Management-Program-109039044075447>.

Other groups or associations may be hosting other training opportunities. A complete list can be found at: <https://portal.kda.ks.gov/PAF/PafTraining/TrainingEventList>.

If you don't remember how many credits you have or need, you can look up your training status at: <https://portal.kda.ks.gov/paf/pafapplicator/login/>

If you have further questions, regarding how this training will be conducted contact Frannie Miller at (620)241-1523 or e-mail [fmiller@ksu.edu](mailto:fmiller@ksu.edu).

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## Bug Jokes of the Week

Q: Why don't people like bed bugs?

A: Because they get under their skin.

Q: What do you call a retired boy band that like bugs?

A: The Beatles!

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