

Ag Radio Programs for January 11 - 17, 2021

Ag Lease Virtual Meeting Last Call

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. Just a reminder that I'll be holding a virtual meeting this Wednesday night at 7 p.m. to talk about Ag Lease basics. There are a lot of nuances to agricultural leases that both landlords and tenants need to know. In this session we will discuss basic concepts of ag leases, things to keep in mind when establishing or updating ag leases as well as considerations for maintaining ag lease relationships. Due to pandemic safety considerations this will not be an in person meeting but will be done virtually using Zoom technology. You can watch this on your computer, tablet or smart phone but you'll need to get the link and password from me. Send me an email at cotte@ksu.edu and then I can email you the information to get online and watch it. The session should last about an hour and there's no charge for viewing it. I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.

Kansas Radon Action Month

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. January is Kansas Radon Action Month. Radon is an invisible odorless radioactive gas that is naturally occurring and can cause lung cancer. Some parts of the country have low levels of it and others have high levels of it. It comes out of the ground and can be found in homes, especially basements. Unlike something like carbon monoxide that can kill you in minutes, the threat from radon is long term exposure, as in 20 or 30 years worth of 8 hours a day exposure. The only way to know if you have it is to test your home. The test is simple and not expensive. The test kits cost \$5.50 and you can buy them at the Extension Office. That cost includes analysis. The report comes right back to you. If you spend considerable time in your basement or an earth bermed home, you really need to test. Stop by and pick up a test today! I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.

Dicamba Training

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. The new dicamba technologies and dicamba resistant soybeans have certainly made life interesting!! Last year the labels were pulled part way through the growing season, but they are now back, or at least some of them are. Of the four products Engenia, xTend, Tavium and Fexapan, Fexapan has not been relabeled for postemerge use on soybeans, but the other three have. BUT to spray them yourself you not only need a private pesticide applicators license, you also need dicamba specific training. Because of the labeling, you have to take this training every year. Last year's training doesn't count. A couple of these are having face to face producer meetings for retraining - talk to your chemical supplier as they'll likely have details. Several will also soon have online training options available. See me for details! I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.

Paraquat Training

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. I suspect that going on down the road we're going to see more and more pesticide product specific training being required for a variety of reasons. Yesterday we talked about dicamba, today it's paraquat.

Paraquat, while a very valuable component in many burn down herbicide treatments, has some nasty characteristics and that is why it requires special training. To know if you need the training all you have to do is look first at the ingredients to see if the herbicide contains paraquat dichloride. If it does read on to see if it says that the product may ONLY be mixed, loaded or applied by a certified applicator with paraquat specific training. If it does, you need the training. There is only one online place to take the training but the training is good for three years. I can help you with that if you need it! I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.

Get Your Leases Squared Away

This is Ag Outlook, I'm Chuck Otte, Geary County Extension Agent. We are right at two weeks away from what I call D-Day on leases. If you have written leases, good for you! If you don't, start thinking about them now!! While oral ag leases are legal and binding they are technically annual leases that automatically renew every March 1 unless a termination notice is delivered in writing at least 30 days prior to March 1, setting the termination date as March 1. Thirty days prior to March 1 is January 30th. If a landlord wants to terminate a renter, and even if a renter just doesn't want to rent a field anymore, notice needs to be in hand by January 30th. If it isn't, the termination is not enforceable in a court of law. If both parties are okay with it then that's not a problem, they can terminate whenever. But if the situation is tense and not amicable, put it in writing and get it in hand by the 30th! I'm Chuck Otte and this has been Ag Outlook.