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Fire Ant Control

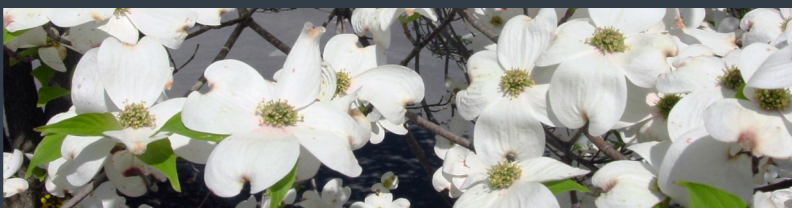
Fire ants can be an incredible nuisance in a home lawn, a pasture, school playground, or even in a nursery production setting. Control can sometimes seem impossible, but success can be had using the right product the right way. There are several products labeled to control fire ants and they are often formulated as dusts, granules, drenches, or baits. It is helpful to think of these formulations as different tools; think right tool, right job. For example, baits are generally slower acting, but are more effective in controlling hard to reach colonies while drenches are generally quicker, but require mixing and watering in.

Homeowners will have success with individual mound treatments (IMT) while larger acreage may benefit from the two-step method (Bait + IMT). A few important notes:

- Bait products do not protect against reinvasion by ant colonies from surrounding land or by newly mated queens.
- Ant populations can fully recover within 12 to 18 months of the last treatment.
- Low-lying, moist and flood-prone areas are more prone to re-infestation

For products sorted by formulation, name, and use, click below:
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"Dogwood Winter"

Called by many names depending on what's blooming at the time, this "dogwood winter" seems to be wrapping up. Given our area, on average, has its last frost between the 15th and 20th of April, I'd say we're pretty much safe to get warm-season plants in the ground. However, I would also say, it is Tennessee...



Wheat Stages & Fusarium Head Blight (Scab)

It's about that time... some of you are at 2nd node, while others are at flag leaf if not further along. Consider a fungicide application based on risk level, yield potential, weather conditions, and if wheat has been planted in the same field in the past 2 years or behind corn. Linked below is a growth stage chart and the FHB Risk Tool.

Wheat Stages: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3300.pdf>

FHB Risk Tool: <https://www.wheatcab.psu.edu/>

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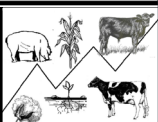
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