



Minutes Franklin Parish ANR Advisory Leadership Council

The Franklin Parish ANR Row Crop Advisory Leadership Council met in the Extension Auditorium March 12, 2015 at noon. Present were Brad Banks, Russell Caldwell, Ricky Campbell, Jr., Ashley Peters, Chris Ward, Drew Wiggers, Trent Williams, and Brian Wilson. Absent was Jonathan Sharp. Carol Pinnell-Alison, County Agent and Dr. Beatrix Haggard, Soils Agronomist, LSU AgCenter participated in the meeting.

The committee members and guests were introduced. The role of the council was reviewed. The parish Quarterly Report and the 2014 corn, cotton, soybean and wheat variety core block grower demonstration results were shared with the committee.

The members were asked to give input on educational program areas that needed to be addressed by the LSU AgCenter in the parish or statewide. The committee issues were:

- Continue to conduct variety demonstrations on producer farms. From a state wide perspective have variety core block tests at various locations with different soil types, with irrigation and with different environmental conditions. Post information on parish and LSU AgCenter web site.
- Continue to develop information on managing herbicide resistance weeds in the growing season and during the fall/winter months. Need information on weed management options for hard to control winter weeds on highly erodible land that needs winter vegetation to maintain row integrity. Ryegrass, palmer amaranth and henbit control is a concern.
- Encourage producers to develop a marketing plan.
- Provide a list of soybean varieties with same genetics.
- What are the effects of various row widths on yield? Is 30 inch row width the best?
- Provide information on to burn or not to burn crop residue and ways to manage crop residue if not burning.
- Information on improving irrigation water efficiency.
- Provide information on in-furrow corn starter fertilizer.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p. m.

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