



Minutes Franklin Parish ANR Advisory Leadership Council

The Franklin Parish ANR Row Crop Advisory Leadership Council met in the Extension Auditorium March 19, 2014 at 8:00 a. m. Present were Brad Banks, Russell Caldwell, Adam Faulk, Hank Jones, Jonathan Sharp, Drew Wiggers, Trent Williams, and Brian Wilson. Absent was James Moore. Carol Pinnell-Alison, County Agent and Dr. Trey Price, Plant Pathologist-Macon Ridge Research Station participated in the meeting.

The committee members and guests were introduced. The role of the council was reviewed.

Carol Pinnell-Alison updated the committee on the LSU AgCenter's personnel changes in the NE Region and the new administrative structure of the LSU AgCenter.

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 and palmer amaranth control is a concern and Virginia copperleaf control in corn after harvest.

- Corn fertility mainly nitrogen rates. Some concerns about higher rates and water quality.

- Fungicide resistance in soybean. Need information on disease susceptibility of soybean varieties.

- Effects of row widths on corn and soybean yield.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a. m.

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