

## **MSUE to Host Field Crops Winter IPM Programs in January and February**

MSU Extension is proud to announce it's 2012 Winter Field Crops IPM Program Series. This year's educational programs may be the most important over the last several years because they cover new management information for two emerging challenges: Soybean Sudden Death Syndrome (SDS) and Glyphosate Resistant Palmer Amaranth. Featured speakers include Dr. George Bird and Dr. Martin Chilvers, MSU Field Crops Nematologist and Pathologist, talking about recommendations for Managing SDS developed from research conducted in 2011 in southwest Michigan and East Lansing. MSU Weed Control Specialist Dr. Christy Sprague will talk about changes to the 2012 MSU Weed Control Guide for Field Crops, why you really do not want Palmer Amaranth on your farm, and why it may be in a field closer to you than you think. Entomologist Chris DiFonzo will review 2011 insect challenge and let us know what we might expect in 2012. Martin Nagelkirk will discuss wheat disease control, introduce the Wheat Promotion Committee. Dr. Kurt Steinke, MSU Fertility Specialist, will talk about the latest fertility work and recommendations. Other topics include: Yield impacts of vertical tillage in soybean production, protecting your farm from invasive species, and local MSUE research project updates. Registration for the program is XX.XX , which includes meal and materials. Date, location and registration information for the MSUE IPM Program nearest you are listed below. RUP and CCA Credits have been applied for and are pending approval.

### **January 17, 2012**

Ottawa Fillmore Administration Building, 12220 Fillmore St. West Olive, MI 49460

Register with: Bruce MacKellar, Van Buren County MSUE, 219 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 201 Paw Paw, MI 49079, (269)-657-8213 , register by email at: [msue80@msu.edu](mailto:msue80@msu.edu)

### **January 30, 2012**

Shifter's Restaurant, 3130 W. Monroe, Alma, MI 48801

Register with: Dan Rossman, Gratiot County MSUE , 214 E. Center Street, Ithaca, MI 48847 (989)-875-5233, register by e-mail at: [msue29@msu.edu](mailto:msue29@msu.edu)

### **January 31, 2012**

Hillman Free Methodist Church, 331 W. 3rd Street, Hillman, MI 49746

Register with: Paul Gross, Isabella County MSUE, 200 N. Main St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)-772-0911 ext. 302, register by e-mail at: [msue37@msu.edu](mailto:msue37@msu.edu)

### **February 1, 2012**

Monsanto Demonstration and Research Farm 474 S. Onondaga Road Mason, MI 48854

Register with: George Silva Eaton County MSUE, 551 Courthouse Drive, Suite 1 , Charlotte, MI 48813 (517)-543-2310, register by e-mail at: [msue23@msu.edu](mailto:msue23@msu.edu)