



Profile

As the Northwest District (NWD) Regional Crop Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Agent, I provide leadership and mentoring of Extension faculty who have row crop and restricted use pesticide responsibilities, and row crop and pesticide education to farmers.

Based in Jackson County, I host several regional crop production meetings annually. I am also a resource for ag faculty in the 16 counties of the NW District, helping teach and coordinate educational programs pertaining to crop production and pesticide education.

My specializations include peanut, cotton, corn, and soybean production as well as restricted use pesticide education.

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Educational Programs

Row Crop Integrated Pest Management in the Florida Panhandle:

According to the 2017 U.S. Census of Agriculture, the NW Extension District spanning the 16 counties from Jefferson to Escambia County was reported to have 4,347 agronomic crop farms. Working with agents in these counties, my program targets row crop farmers to ensure that they have current research and production information to help them farm sustainably and profitable. I am based in Jackson County, the largest row crop producing county in the Panhandle, and the states largest producer of peanut and cotton. Prevalent row crops in the Panhandle include peanut, cotton, corn, and soybean.

Pesticide Education for Sustainable Agriculture in the Florida Panhandle:

According to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the NW Extension District has just under 1,100 restricted use pesticide (RUP) applicators. The goal of this program is to ensure pesticide education and safety. I work in conjunction with agents in the Panhandle to offer RUP classes across the district, teaching both certification and continuing education classes.

Agronomic Faculty Education and Mentoring in the Florida Panhandle:

As the Regional Crop IPM Agent, I provide leadership and education for county faculty with row crop and pesticide responsibilities. I strive to develop inservice trainings, teaching resources, and provide mentorship of new faculty.

Experience

Regional Crop IPM Extension Agent UF/IFAS Extension, Jackson County 2016-present

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant University of Florida 2014-2015

Pesticide Applicator Kestrel Ecological Services 2010-2014

Education & Certifications

Master of Science in Agronomy, University of Florida, 2015

Commercial Pesticide Applicator, 2014-present -categories include agrow crop, aquatic, demo and research, and natural areas

Bachelor of Science in Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida, 2013