

## 2017 Spring Pest Update

Thursday, April 6, 2017

4-H Building, 189 Hwy 12 E, Townsend MT

This program has two sessions (morning and afternoon). The morning session is worth private applicator credits and the afternoon is also worth private applicator credits. You may attend one session or both. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch and materials.



**Please RSVP by April 3<sup>rd</sup> to guarantee your lunch to 266-9242 or [broadwater@montana.edu](mailto:broadwater@montana.edu).**

- 9:00 am Welcome
- 9:15 am **Annual Grasses Identification & Management – Noelle Orloff, MSU Plant Identification Diagnostician** - *Covers new invasive grasses in the region including Medusahead, Ventenata, and Bulbous bluegrass and best management practices.*
- 10:15 am **Pesticide Safety Review – Allison Kosto, Broadwater County Extension Agent** - *Interactive game to review basic pesticide safety.*
- 10:45 am BREAK
- 11:00 am **Disease After Extreme Weather – Mary Burrows, MSU Extension Plant Pathologist** - *Discussion of Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus which is common after a hail storm. She will also discuss Scab and best management practices for both diseases.*
- 12:00 pm LUNCH – *Catered by Big Bull Bar & Grill*
- 12:30 pm **Wheat Midge – Gadi V.P. Reddy & Govinda Shrestha, Western Triangle Ag Research Center** - *Overview of the pest, identification, monitoring, economic threshold and management of the wheat midge, found in the county in 2017.*
- 1:30 pm **Water Quality & Pesticide Performance – Cecil Tharp, MSU Extension Pesticide Education Specialist** - *Discussion on how water quality affects the performance of pesticides and what you can do to insure optimal performance.*
- 2:20 pm BREAK
- 2:30 pm **Crop Insect Outlook & Update – Kevin Wanner, MSU Extension Crop Entomologist** - *Discuss potential major crop insect issues for 2017.*

If you need any special accommodations or have questions about the physical access, please contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 in advance of your participation or visit.

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