



Pest Management News

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Blister Beetles

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Over the last two weeks I've received several calls and a few pictures concerning striped blister beetles. Callers have found these beetles congregating on pigweed and other weeds in pastures as well as on garden plants. Most of the concerned callers were horse owners so we will concentrate on cantharidin toxicosis.



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Face Flies

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Some readers will recognize portions of this article from 2021 but the populations in northern half of the state warrants a rerun. At my farm, I've observed higher populations this year than last year. It's easy to recognize face flies on a white or light-colored vehicle driven into a cattle pasture – they seem to be attracted to white objects.

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Cercospora Leaf Spot on Mulberry

Sherrie Smith

Plant Pathology Instructor, Plant Health Clinic Diagnostician

Mulberry trees are abundant in Arkansas. Non-fruiting ornamental species are very popular in our landscapes. Cercospora Leaf Spot of Mulberry, caused by *Cercospora mori*, formerly *Cercospora moricola*, is the most common foliar disease of Mulberry. Click below to learn more:

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Insect Pests Infesting 2023 Blackberry Crop

Aaron Cato

Assistant Professor and Horticulture IPM Specialist

Much like many of our specialty crops in Arkansas, blackberries are fed on and infested by many insect pests prior to getting them in clamshells or buckets to sell. Spotted-wing drosophila and stinkbugs are infesting much of our blackberry crop in 2023, and growers should be managing these pests each week!

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Fleas...tiny pests that really suck!

Jon Zawislak

Assistant Professor of Apiculture and Urban Entomology

Fleas are common ectoparasites of mammals and birds that often infest pets and homes. Controlling fleas requires both treatment of host animals and thorough sanitation anywhere animals spend time.

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Defending pollinator gardens from native herbivores

Becky McPeake

Professor and Extension Wildlife Specialist

Pollinator gardening is gaining traction among homeowners interested in converting yards into micro-habitats for wildlife. Yet white-tailed deer have adapted so well to neighborhoods that establishing a pollinator garden could be challenging.

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Name that weed!

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Can you identify this weed? Be the first to email hewright@uada.edu and tbutts@uada.edu with the correct common name to win a prize!

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