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Stable Flies

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Over the last two to three weeks stably fly abundance has increased to the level that control is necessary. See below for information about stable fly biology and how you can help producers achieve control.



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Esca in Grapes

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Dealing with cold injury in grapes? This time of year a fungal disease known as Esca can easily be misidentified as cold injury. See below for more info.

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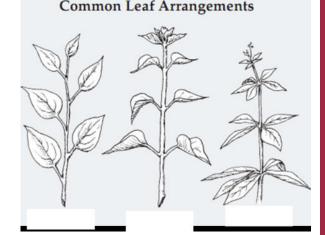
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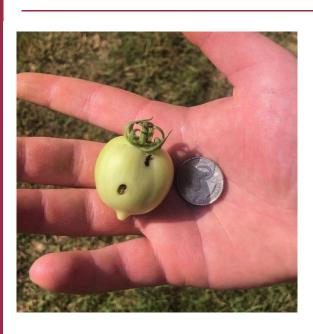
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Knowing what structures and formations to look for on weeds can drastically aid in properly identifying them. Be the first to email Tommy Butts (tbutts@uada.edu) and Hannah Wright-Smith (hewright@uada.edu) with all 12 correct answers to win a prize. Good luck!



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It's Time to Scout for Tomato Fruitworm

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Tomato fruitworm, *Helicoverpa zea*, trap catches over the last few weeks are indicating that damaging populations of larvae are likely present in South Arkansas. See below for info on scouting before producers start seeing a bunch of damaged tomatoes!

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Carpenter Bees

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The eastern carpenter bee (*Xylocopa virginica*) is so named because they nest inside of holes in dead wood. If unable to find a nesting cavity, they may excavate a long, round tunnel in which to rear their young. While valuable native pollinators, these bees may be considered pests due to the damage caused by their nesting activities.

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