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Protecting Small Fruits with Pesticides: Is their a Niche in Blackberry that Drones can Fill?

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Spray volume is an important factor when it comes to protecting small fruits, which often limits the usefulness of drones. However, some trellis systems may require less spray volume and could be more amenable to drone use. See more below.

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Sweet Potato Scurf

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Finding superficial dark splotches on an otherwise healthy-looking sweet potato? You might have scurf, but what does that mean? Click below to read more.



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Weed of the Month - Perilla mint

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This month's spotlight weed/plant is an annual weed prevalent in pastures and the edge of wooded areas. While there isn't a contest this month, please click the link below to learn about this weed!



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Sawtooth Grain Beetles: Cosmopolitan Pantry Pests

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Sawtooth grain beetles are some of the most widespread and troublesome pests of stored food products. Though small in size, they can reproduce continually, and can infest many types of grain and cereal products, making them difficult to control.

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Oh, no! Nematodes!

Wendell Hutchens

Turfgrass researchers conducted a region-wide survey of plant-parasitic nematodes on golf course putting greens. Survey results indicate that plant-parasitic nematodes are a bigger problem than anticipated in Arkansas turfgrasses! Find out more details about this study in the accompanying article.



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Fall Fire Ant Bait Applications

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Following the recent rainfall, fire ant colonies are readily apparent across much of the state. Begging the question “are fall fire ant bait applications effective”? Yes, as long as fire ants are still foraging.



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Asian Woolly Hackberry Aphid – A Common Late-Summer Nuisance

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If you’ve noticed what looks like tiny “snowflakes” drifting by on a hot summer day, you’re not imagining things. These are Asian woolly hackberry aphids, and if you look up, you’ll likely find a hackberry (sugarberry) tree overhead.



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