

AG NOTES
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CFAP2

The USDA announced the second round of market adjustments for farmers who were affected by market downturns during the onset of the COVID-19 issues and the continued market disturbances. This program is referred to by CFAP2. The website for the details is <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>

This version of the program includes more adjustments for some items from the first version due to summer market problems. In addition to the previous livestock settlements, there are specialty livestock this time including goats. There are also additional crops. The lists are in the details found at the website above.

Applications will be taken through December 11. For assistance, contact the Farm Service Agency in Lewisburg at 931-358-6268.

WHAT IS THIS?



I had two emails this week that asked about large wasp-like insects that are intimidating and aggressive. I've attached a picture.

They are not murder hornets that have been in the news. Those are found in the Pacific Northwest and are not here, at least for now.

The large wasps that we have here are called European hornets. They can be harmful if they are harassed. As with any sting insect, I recommend keeping a good social distance away and use the long -distance aerosols for wasps/hornets/bees.

And if a nest is located, the best time to attack it is after dark, when all of the flyers are back and attack in response.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS?



I got a couple of pictures of a mold-like structure on morning glory plants that were in a sweet corn patch. This looks like what is called smut in corn. Usually smut is a big puffy structure that spreads by spores, just like other mold or fungus items.

The concern was if this was this corn disease overwintering in the weeds and lies in wait to affect next year's corn crop. We sent these images to the lab for diagnostics and treatment recommendations.

The lab reported that there is not a smut that affects morning glories. So as of now, there is no concern for next year's corn crop.

FARMERS MARKET

Some of our vendors indicated that they still may go to the market pavilion. There are greens and some other fall crops coming in. But for the most part, the regular summer crops are over.

In spite of the COVID-19 issue, we still had lots of vendors, lots of produce, and lots of customers. This was one of the best markets ever. The vendors were pleased and so were the customers. We had both groups to complete surveys and both groups were very happy.

So, we'll be looking forward to next year's market. The vendors are already making plans for it.

ONLINE PROGRAMS

For those who have good internet service and want to complete Master Beef Producer training at night, we are having webinars covering a wide assortment of topics. The instructors are from across the country.

The series started last week, and there are eight sessions left that will qualify those who signed up the first week of October for Ag Enhancement for 50% cost-share in the various projects. Contact me as soon as possible for details and registration instructions.