

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Pesticides Division and local county cooperative extension offices have scheduled five upcoming live zoom meetings on auxin best management practices.

The dates are Feb. 1, Feb. 17, March 1, March 15 and March 30, with all Zoom meetings beginning at 8:30 a.m.

In the past few years, growers who planned to use auxin products were required to take classes to be able to apply the herbicide. The training was designed to limit or prevent damage to other crops by making sure applicators were aware of best management practices. That training has been successful, with North Carolina seeing very few cases of unintentional damage.

Nationally, auxin products have come under greater EPA review/regulation with application cut-off dates of June 30 for soybeans and July 30 for cotton, which will likely limit their use in North Carolina.

It is unlikely North Carolina will receive approval for 24(c) labels that would change the applications cut-off dates for dicamba.

NCDCA&CS will move forward with 2022 training for Eugenia, XtendiMax and Tavium.

Registration is required to attend the Live Zoom training, but that can be completed prior to joining the Zoom session. Participants should contact their local county ag extension agent for Zoom link and passcode.

Pesticide credits are available for attendees.

No partial credit is given for participants arriving late or leaving early. Attendance will be taken at the end of the course and identity verification will be conducted at the beginning of course and after breaks.