Integrated Pest Management: Introduction, Special Topics and Application

Thursday, December 1, 2016, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Registration: **FREE**, **limited to first 25 registrants!** Lunch Provided Registration link: <u>https://carolinafarmstewards.z2systems.com/eventReg.jsp?event=293&</u>

Location:

Morning Session: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Technical College of the Lowcountry – New River Campus 100 Community College Drive Conference Room Bluffton, SC Afternoon Session: 1 – 2 p.m. Three Sisters Farm 30 Porcher Road Bluffton, SC 29909

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an important part of organic and sustainable farming. The benefits of using IPM involve both environmental and monetary factors. Through implementing IPM farmers can see decline in pest, increase in pollination, and decrease in pesticide need. Come join Carolina Farm Stewardship Association and Clemson Sustainable Agriculture in Bluffton, SC to learn about IPM and practical on-farm applications. In the morning, we will hear from several speakers addressing topics on IPM including introduction, soil health, organic farming, and more. We will then travel to Three Sisters Farm to tour the facility and talk about practical IPM applications. Resources and handouts will be provided.

Agenda:

- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions Gena Moore
- 9:05 Introduction to Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- 9:45 Beneficial Habitats
- 10:00 IPM on the Farm: Panel Discussion
- 10:30 Soil Health and IPM featuring information on the Haney Soil Nutrient Test Gena Moore
- 11:00 IPM and Organic Certification Stephen Nix
- 11:30 Lunch, sponsored By Ag South Farm Credit
- 12:30 Travel to Three Sisters Farm
- 1:00 Tour of Three Sisters Farm Mary Conner
- 2:00 Conclusion

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