

Foundation for Environmental Agriculture Education

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Crop Consulting

Crop consulting is an amazing profession of managing crop production inputs during the routine and predictable times, then being able to calculate how to manage when the curves of nature hit.

To the consultants of the Southeast Atlantic farming areas, we think of you now. Billy McLawhorn reports some of the lighter rainfall farms in his region had approximately 17 inches of rain, most had 20-24" of rain!! Here is another 500 year flood 11 years after 1999 and hurricane Floyd.

Washington State consultants met the same challenge in 1980 when Mt. St. Helens covered the apples, mint, alfalfa fields, and every crop in ash. Power sprayers were used to blow ash off of the fruit tree leaves to reduce the ethylene build-up and fruit abscission in apples. Between the coast lines, many others of you have also met the challenge.

Plant Medicine Health Education Foundation – A new Foundation, Lynn Henderson, President

The Plant Medicine Health Education Foundation is now a fully approved 501(C)3 not for profit organization, dedicated entirely to raise funds in support of the Plant Medicine Health academic programs at the Universities of Florida and Nebraska. A Power Point presentation along with other pertinent materials has been prepared. Fund raising calls have been made to eight major agribusinesses with more either scheduled or planned. We have been cordially received with recognition that the DPM/H programs are much needed and worthy of financial support. Our fund raising overtures have been taken under consideration by all of the firms as part of their budgetary considerations. We anticipate responses within a month or two. Submitted by: Ken Bader, Executive Director

Get Excited & Get Ready for the Auction and Raffle!

James Todd is working hard to get some big ticket items for the raffle and auction. James claims that everything is bigger and better in Texas, and that will hold true for the auction and raffle this year! More details to come! However, any member willing to provide a major raffle item should contact James. James will also be organizing the auction donations.

Grady Coburn was the contributor of last year's \$1,000 Cabela's gift card. This was accidentally omitted in the credits of the last e-flash.

FEAE

The FEAE will select a new board of directors in the fall. If you have an interest in being nominated to the FEAE Board, please let President Bill Peele know in October.

Raun Endowment

In 2009 the FEAE signed an agreement with the University of Nebraska Foundation to start the Earle Raun Fellowship to support students pursuing the University of Nebraska's Doctor of Plant Health degree. The FEAE made a further contribution this summer from later donations received. Billy McLawhorn has this comment to motivate us:

Earle Raun was a model consultant and mentor who helped me develop in this profession of Crop and Research consulting. He demonstrated the value of giving back to those who are "coming up" in this profession. This is why I encourage our members to make donations through the FEAE to the Earle S. Raun Doctor of Plant Health Fellowship Fund.

Scholarships

Bruce Neiderhauser, Jenson Scholarship Chairman reports that the "A" states (Alabama and Arkansas) are where the two 2010 applicants are from. As said before, let your clients know about this scholarship opportunity, they may have qualifying relatives. To widen out our appeal and promotion, the FEAE also established a \$1,000 scholarship in June 2010 through the FFA Collegiate Scholarship program. Students can apply this fall.

NAICC Renewal

Notice the NAICC Annual Renewal Form. There is a place to add your contributions to the FEAE and to designate funds. Those donating \$250 to the general fund this fall will be recognized as 2011 Friends of the Foundation. Encourage members in your state to lead. Thank you.