



**Using Pesticides Wisely (UPW) 2020:** Georgia pesticide applicators have monumentally improved on-target pesticide applications with a 75% reduction in drift complaints to University of Georgia Extension over the past five seasons. This success is clearly a result of strong stewardship commitments from all of Georgia’s agricultural family. As a result of this success, the Georgia Department of Agriculture submitted dicamba labels to the U.S. EPA requesting flexibility for Georgia farmers and pesticide applicators in regards to the 2020 Using Pesticide Wisely (UPW) trainings. The label has now become a reality.

Thus for 2020 in Georgia, applicators of *Engenia, Fexapan, Tavium or XtendiMax* who attended a UPW training during 2019 are **NOT** required to attend the 2020 UPW training (although all are welcome and encouraged to attend). For *Enlist One and Enlist Duo*, those persons in-charge of in-season applications to tolerant cotton and soybean who attended training during 2019 are **NOT** required to attend the 2020 UPW training (again all are welcome). **Those who were not trained in 2019 are required to attend a 2020 training** (Table 1). For those wanting confirmation regarding 2019 attendance, visit the GDA website (<http://agr.georgia.gov/24c.aspx>) and scroll down to the bottom clicking on the location attended last season.

This unique opportunity will provide over 3000 farmers and pesticide applicators an extra 3+ hours (>9000 hours) that they can use to further enhance the sustainability of their farms as they work to feed and clothe the world. Additionally, University of Georgia Extension will have an extra 350+ hours to conduct applied research further improving on-target applications, improving weed management programs, and even developing approaches to improve farmer and farm worker health.

*As Georgia embarks on this unique opportunity, it is more important than ever to make wise decisions when applying all pesticides during 2020 proving states can make the correct pesticide training decisions.*

**Table 1. Using Pesticides Wisely 2020 Trainings (only those not trained in 2019 are required to attend)**

Date, Time	County	RSVP # (Max Attend)	Location and Address
Mar 9, 10 am	Taylor	478-472-7588	Flint Energies, 3 South Macon Street, Reynolds, GA 31706
Mar 11, 9 am	Colquitt	229-616-7455	Colquitt Co. Ex. Office, 350 Veterans Parkway N, Moultrie, GA 31788
Mar 16, 10 am	Floyd	706-295-6210	Thornton Recreation Center, 102 North Floyd Park Rd, Rome, GA 30165
Mar 17, 9 am	Laurens	478-272-2277 (40 max)	The Dubose Porter Conf. Center at Oconee Fall Line Tech College, Dublin Campus, 560 Pinehill Road, Dublin, GA 31021
Mar 17, 9 am	Pierce	912-449-2034	Pierce County Ext. Office, 705 College Ave., Blackshear, GA 31516
Mar 19, 9 am	Elbert	706-283-2037	Elbert Co. Ext. Office, 1088 Ruckersville Rd, Elberton, GA 30635
Mar 25, 9 am	Early	229-723-3072	Early Co. Ag Center, 5188 Freeman Rd, Blakely, GA 39823
Mar 26, 9 am	Bulloch	912-871-6130	Bulloch Co. Ag Center, 151 Langston Chapel Rd., Statesboro, GA 30458
April 3, 9:30 am	Tift	229-386-7274	Tifton Campus Conf. Center, 15 RDC Road, Tifton, GA 31793

**RSVP and Maximum Attendance:** Everyone must RSVP at least 3 days prior to the meeting that they would like to attend.

**NO MEAL:** NO meal will be provided because of time constraints and the volume of people required to be trained.

**Training Agenda:** Using Pesticide Wisely (UPW) will last about 1 hr and 30 minutes.

# AUXIN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS: GEORGIA 2020

Auxin use in Georgia has been extremely successful. This success can be directly linked to the UPW training, industry support, cooperation between state and federal agencies and most importantly, the dedication of growers and producers to attend training and follow all label directions. We must continue this effort in order to make certain the auxin technologies remain a valuable tool available to growers for many years to come.

## **Engenia, FeXapan, Tavium, XtendiMax**

1. As mandated by federal labels, one must hold a private or commercial pesticide applicator license to purchase and use these restricted use herbicides. Use is limited to **ONLY** those persons holding a private or commercial applicator certification. It is no longer permissible for non-certified applicators to apply these products under the direct supervision of the certified applicator.
2. Industry applicator trainings are encouraged and beneficial; however, they **will not** fulfill Georgia's requirement for auxin training.
3. Each label requires certified applicators to document application information. Forms have been designed to help with this challenge and can be found at your local UGA Extension office, from the herbicide registrant, or at <http://www.agr.georgia.gov/24c.aspx>

## **Enlist Duo or Enlist One**

The producer, certified applicator, or person responsible for the application of Enlist Duo or Enlist One in Enlist cotton or soybean, in-crop (planting through harvest), must attend an Using Pesticides Wisely training that is approved by the Georgia Department of Agriculture during 2020 if they were not trained during 2019.

## **Documentation of UPW Training**

Bring your pesticide license to the training. Attendee's names will be placed on a list posted to the Georgia Department of Agriculture's auxin website at <http://www.agr.georgia.gov/24c.aspx>. Please allow up to 21 days after the training date for names to be posted. This list will serve as the official training record as attendance verification.

Two hours of pesticide credit for private or commercial will be offered.