

Bug Bytes

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❶ New bug found – statewide emergency pest alert

Dr. Dan Suiter has reported that last Wednesday – October 28 - an insect was discovered in Northeast Atlanta (actually Gwinnett all the way over to Athens roughly along Highway 316) that is not native to the U.S. The insect swarms in huge numbers (from its Kudzu host) and gets all over buildings, vehicles, and people. They have had a number of calls from pest control operators about it over the past week.

The insect is from China and India where it feeds on Kudzu, and has never been found in the U.S. If it were just a nuisance it would be one thing, but it is considered a significant pest of legumes (soybeans and related bean-like crops). This critter has the potential to become a threat to Georgia Agriculture. We think its distribution is currently restricted to that 316 corridor, but we need to be sure.

We're trying to learn more about its distribution in Georgia. To that end, I have prepared a one-page "Pest Alert" for pest control operators. Later this week Dr. Beverly Sparks will send the alert to every county extension office in Georgia, and I think all the Master Gardeners will see a copy as well.

Be sure to open the attachment and be aware of this new bug – a "bean plataspid".

❷ Road Shows – Savannah, Norcross – and 4th Tuesday

GPCA has all day classes planned this fall:

Savannah – Friday, November 20

Norcross – Thursday, December 10

Each of these programs offers 3 hours HPC and 3 hours WDO for only \$10 for the whole day!!!! Check out the attached flyer to see if these dates will work for you and get those hours where it's convenient and you're not on deadline!

Additionally, on Tuesday, November 24, we will offer a FREE (for members) 2 hour class at the GPCA office in Norcross. Shay Runion will teach a program on occasional invaders. Call 770-417-1881 to register.

What else is going on –

❸ Community Outreach – GPCA Food Drive

GPCA FOOD DRIVE

This has been a terrible year for many Georgians. Not only the economy but the recent floods have devastated many people's resources and ability to take care of their needs. The GPCA Public Relations Committee wants to help. We are partnering with the Salvation Army for a food drive. All non perishable items must be received in the GPCA office in Norcross no later than Wednesday, November 18 (NO EXCEPTIONS – the Salvation Army truck is coming!)

Canned Vegetables

Corn
 Green Beans
 Green Peas
 Tomatoes
 Carrots
 Mixed Vegetables
 Potatoes
 Spinach

Canned Beans

Pinto Beans
 Kidney Beans
 Northern/Navay
 Beans
 Lima/Butter Beans
 Black-eyed Peas
 Baked/Pork n' Beans

Dried Beans

All

Cereal

Grits
 Oatmeal
 Cold Cereal

Meat/Protein

Chicken/Turkey
 Ham
 Roast Beef
 Tuna
 Salmon
 Beef Stew
 Spam
 Chili
 Peanut Butter

Soups

Chicken Noodle
 Cream Soups
 Tomato
 Vegetable
 Beef
 Chunky Soups
 Ramen Noodles

Other Food Items

Canned Milk (evaporated)
 Powdered Milk
 Jello
 Pudding
 Jelly
 Saltine Crackers

Canned Fruit

Fruit Cocktail
 Pears
 Peaches
 Pineapple
 Applesauce

Pasta/Rice Items

Spaghetti Noodles
 Spaghetti Sauce
 Macaroni & Cheese
 Canned Pasta
 Rice – Plain & Seasoned
 Pasta – Plain & Seasoned

Personal Care

Bar Soap
 Deodorant
 Toothbrush
 Toothpaste
 Shampoo
 Diapers
 Feminine Products
 Toilet Paper

④ WATCH YOUR MAIL -

You should be watching for your **GPCA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** which was mailed earlier this week. Additionally, the promotional material for the **GPCA ATHENS CONFERENCE** was delivered to the post office on Monday. (If you can't wait for the Athens information, it's posted on our website at GPCA.org). These two member services are an essential part of the GPCA organization. It's one of your benefits of membership!

⑤ PROFILE articles coming -

The next PROFILE magazine will be coming soon. Be sure to check out the member profiles, proposed by-laws change, and technical features.

And also – check our Calendar of events on the GPCA website. This is a complete listing of events that is coming your way!