



Pest Management News

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Fall Webworms May Be Unsightly, But Rarely Damage Healthy Trees

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Fall webworms are a familiar sight to homeowners and arborists. Their nests may be an eyesore but these caterpillars pose little threat to healthy landscape plants because their populations peak just before trees begin to naturally lose their leaves.



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Peony Blotch - Red Spot

Sherrie Smith

Plant Pathology Instructor, Plant Health Clinic Diagnostician

Samples of peony leaves have been arriving at the clinic with Blotch. Peonies are one of our finest perennials. They are exceptionally long-lived, reaching ages of 50 years or more. Learn more about Red Spot on peonies.

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Cucurbit Downy Mildew Observed in Arkansas

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Downy mildew was observed in Arkansas on August 30th on cucumbers near Hamburg in Ashley County. Cucurbit growers across the state need to scout now and consider making targeted fungicide applications. See below for more info.



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Melonworm Observed in Southwest Arkansas

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Melonworm has already been observed in Arkansas, about 2-3 weeks earlier than last year. See below for more info on why this may be significant for pumpkin growers!

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Leaping Lizards! (and Frogs)

Becky McPeake

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An abundance of lizards and frogs can become a problem for homeowners, commercial businesses, and agriculture food safety.



Green treefrog. Photo credit: Joseph McPhail

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Name that weed!

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Be the first to

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