

Managing Red Imported Fire Ants and Other Landscape Pests in Urban Areas

Background

Pesticides make possible control of many pests that are difficult to manage through biological, cultural or quarantine efforts. Both new and old pesticides must continually be evaluated for effectiveness and safety. This project looks at insect pests found in urban landscapes, from fire ants to insect pests attacking turf and ornamentals.

Texas Cooperative Extension faculty work with industry to provide fair, scientifically sound information about the efficacy of pesticides. While most research is industry sponsored, some independent projects are conducted to investigate alternative control measures, using less pesticides or lower-impact technologies. In many cases the data generated from research conducted by our group is used to justify adding new directions or pests to pesticide labels.

Objectives

- To provide industry with fair, unbiased evaluations of new pesticides or new uses for older products.
- To make information concerning the effectiveness of pesticide technologies available to county extension agents and the public.

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