

# Sustainable Pest Management Workshop

## Know Your Bugs



*It's always good to know your enemy.*

In the case of insects, that's not always easy.

This hands-on workshop is designed to help. During this four hour seminar, small-scale vegetable producers will learn money-saving pest management strategies that also benefit the environment.

Workshop attendees will also receive training materials about "safe food handling" of fruits and vegetables for direct market sales.

The workshop will be offered in locations around Oklahoma (see box) in July.

One goal of the workshop is to show smaller-scale producers how they may reduce pesticide use (and save money), yet still get good crops.

Educators from OSU Extension, Kerr Center and ODAFF will teach the workshop.

Participants will learn how to identify insect pests and how to safely use a variety of methods, both organic and non-organic, to manage them.

Educators will cover the basics of integrated pest management (IPM), including alternatives to pesticides and accurate pest identification.

The Kerr Center's Doug Walton will discuss "farmscape management" as a form of preventive management, enhancing biodiversity to support beneficial insects.

Sue Gray, Tulsa County Extension Horticulturist, along with other OSU Extension staff, will explain "Digital Diagnostics," a service allowing producers to email photos of pests to OSU entomologists for identification.

In addition, the Kerr Center's David Redhage will address safe and effective use, handling, and storage of pesticides, as well as proper calibration of small-scale application equipment.

Workshop participants will also learn how to combat microbial pests by implementing proper measures to ensure the safety of the foods they raise and sell.

This food safety information is made possible by a grant from the USDA's Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FISMP) to ODAFF. Grant partners include the Kerr Center, OSU Food and Agriculture Processing center (FAPC) and the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Registration costs \$15 and includes an evening meal. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. To register, fill out the form on this page or use the PayPal link for the event at [www.kerrcenter.com](http://www.kerrcenter.com). Or email [jcastillo@kerrcenter.com](mailto:jcastillo@kerrcenter.com) or call 918.647.9123

## WORKSHOP LOCATIONS & DATES

- STILLWATER** • July 16 (register by July 9)  
4-8 P.M. • Payne County Fairgrounds  
(E. Hwy 51 & Fairgrounds Road)
- TULSA** • July 20 (register by July 13)  
4-8 P.M. • Tulsa County OSU Extension  
Center Auditorium  
4116 E. 15th Street
- OKLAHOMA CITY** • July 27 (register by July 20)  
4-8 P.M. • OSU-OKC  
900 N. Portland Ave.

## REGISTRATION FORM

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