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### IMPROVED BERMUDAGRASS MANAGEMENT

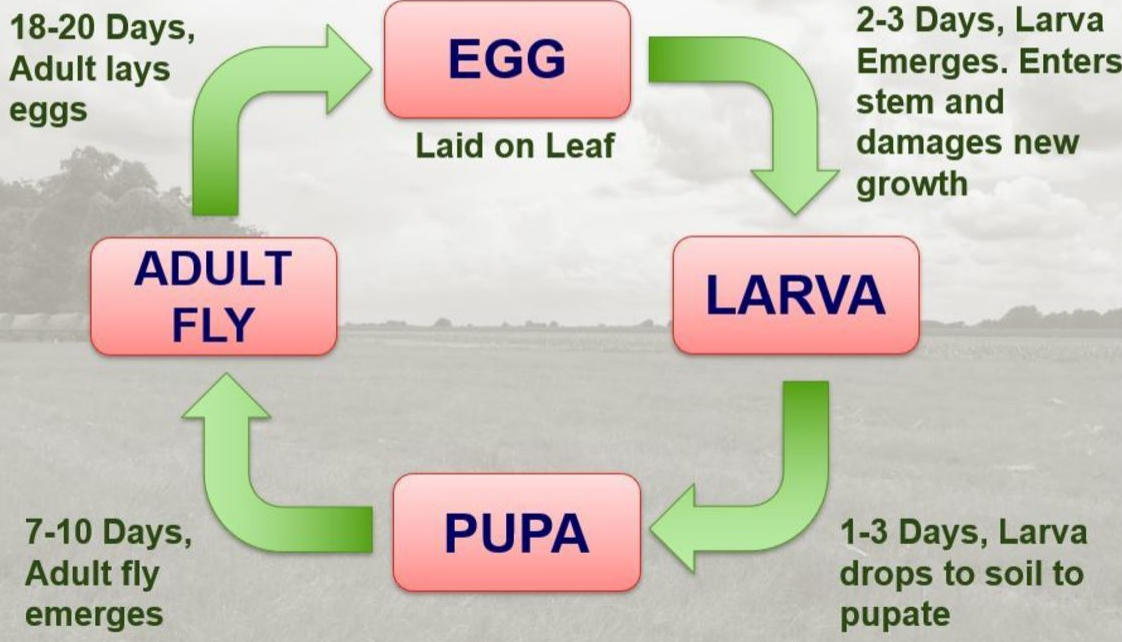
Saturday, May 21st @ 10am

#### Discussion Topics

- **Timely Management Strategies**
- **Soil Fertility**
- **Pest & Insect Pressure**
- **Weed Control**

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### Bermudagrass Stem Maggot – Life Cycle



### Bermudagrass Stem Maggots

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The Bermudagrass Stem Maggot (BSM) is relatively new to Texas. The BSM is a small, yellow fly, which lays its eggs on the bermudagrass plant. When the egg hatches, the larvae make its way to the top of the plant and burrows into the shoot. Larvae feed just above the last node at the top of the plant, causing the top 2-3 leaves to die. Land owners may notice the damage of their fields to look similar to frost, drought stress, disease or herbicide injury. The BSM is less likely to be an issue in grazed fields because livestock consume the eggs and maggot with the grass, thus preventing an increase in the fly population. Insecticide treatment is most effective while the BSM is in the adult stage, as a fly. Fields that are most problematic are not used for grazing, such as hayfields. The goal is to treat before the maggots' burrow into the stem of the plant. Once they have burrowed, the applicator has missed their window of opportunity until those maggots emerge as adult flies.

Producers offers a variety of products (restricted & non-restricted) to help with your pasture management. For more information, join us tomorrow for our Improved Bermudagrass Management class at 10am.

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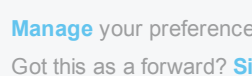
Farmers are experiencing July heat temperatures in May, causing rapid growth in their corn crop. However, faster isn't always better. Central Texas farmer, Lee Denena, has more on this week's From The Ground Up.



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