

Autumn 2017 IPM Update

Last year the UHLMG IPM (Integrated Pest Management) project facilitated the ‘agronomist hotline’ connecting local agronomists with specialist entomologists who gave practical advice on recommended IPM strategies. The approach worked well throughout the 2016 season with a number of local agronomists contacting entomologists to confirm identification of a pest, understand the lifecycle of a certain type of pest or beneficial, or for advice on acceptable levels of pest populations.

In instances when a pest was involved, the entomologists discussed with agronomists the level of concern they should have with consideration given to the stage of the life cycle of both the pest and the plant, the presence of beneficial species, and any required additional control measures. This collaboration has resulted in better decision making and management of insect pests on broad acre crops in the local area.

The UHLMG plans to continue the success of the IPM project into 2017.