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Tick-Borne Diseases

Presented by

Dr. Kirby Stafford, CT State Chief Entomologist

Thursday, June 6th @ 7:00 PM

In the

Library Program Room



Dr. Kirby C. Stafford III is one of the leading tick experts in the world. He is Chief Entomologist of the Department of Entomology and State Entomologist (State Plant Regulatory Official) at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. (CAES) since in 1987. His research area is the ecology and control of the blacklegged tick, *Ixodes scapularis*, with a recent focus on natural, biological, and integrated tick control. Dr. Stafford obtained his Ph.D. in medical-veterinary entomology from Texas A&M University and has Masters and Bachelor of Science degrees in entomology.

Increasing prevalence of Lyme disease and the emergence of other tick-associated human diseases in the United States have become a major public health concern. A wide variety of prevention and control strategies have been adapted or investigated to reduce human risk of disease, but field studies incorporating integrated pest management, ecological, and human behavior concepts are limited. Dr. Stafford will highlight the prevalence of tick-borne pathogens, human risk of tick-borne disease, the current status of tick management research, and present some of the work being conducted at the Experiment Station.

This program is free and open to all.

For more information and to register, call the library at 860-434-2272.