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- If your lantana is losing its bloom and showing dusty looking leaves, it is probably experiencing lacebug feeding. When you see the damage, it is usually too late to spray an insecticide, but you can string mow some of the spent bloom to stimulate new blooms. Make a note on your calendar to spray acephate or spinosad next year on July 1 to try and prevent the lacebugs.
- There is still time to plant fall tomatoes. Use fast producing varieties like Roma Surprise, Ruby Crush, Surefire, or BHN 968 which have small fruit. If you want to try and beat the cold with a large fruited tomato, seek out a large transplant.
- Control Bermuda grass invading your shrub border and flower gardens with one of the contact herbicides for grassy weeds. Ornamec, Grass-be- Gone, Over the Top and similar products can be sprayed to kill the grassy weeds without hurting broad-leaf plants.
- Live oaks, Mexican sycamore, cedar elms, and other well adapted shade trees are dropping some of their leaves early because of the drought. In all cases extra water does not hurt but it is usually not necessary. If you have a question about a particular tree, confer with your AgriLife Extension Agent or an arborist.