

Williston Research Extension Center and MonDak Ag Showcase Field Days Set

The North Dakota State University Williston Research Extension Center (WREC) will showcase dryland agronomy and horticulture at its annual field day July 11 and host an irrigation field day July 12.

The WREC is 4.5 miles west of Williston on U.S. Highway 2.

The July 11 event begins with registration at 3 p.m. CDT. The dryland crop tour starts at 4 p.m.

Topics to be highlighted during the dryland crop tour are:

- * Spring wheat breeding program
- * Precision field management
- * Unmanned aerial vehicle use in agricultural imagery
- * Intercropping chickpea and flax
- * Pipeline reclamation project update
- * Plant pathology and weed management research

The dryland program is eligible for 1.0 Montana pesticide applicator credit and 1.5 certified crop adviser continuing education units.

A concurrent horticulture program starts at 4 p.m. in the Ernie French Center for those interested in flowers, gardening and fruit production.

Topics include an update of North Dakota fruit production, flowers and vegetable varieties for home gardens and WREC horticultural research.

A free steak dinner, sponsored by area businesses, will follow the tour at 7 p.m.

The irrigation field day on July 12 will be held at the NDSU Irrigated Nesson Research and Development Farm 23 miles east of Williston on North Dakota Highway 1804.

Refreshments will be served starting at 8:30 a.m., and the irrigated crop tour will begin at 9 a.m., with NDSU research and Extension specialists presenting highlights from experiments conducted at the Nesson Valley site.

Topics are:

- * WREC irrigation research and information on variety trials conducted under irrigation
- * High-tunnel research update
- * Spring wheat breeding program
- * Soil health in irrigated systems
- * Intercropping in irrigated production
- * Western tree trial update for the MonDak region
- * Soil moisture monitoring
- * Emerging weed issues

The irrigation field day will conclude with a noon luncheon sponsored by area businesses.

For more information, contact the WREC at 701-774-4315.

Individuals with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations to participate in NDSU-sponsored programs and events. To request accommodations, contact the WREC by July 8.

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