

Southwest Crop Diagnostic Days 2013

The Southwest Diagnostic Day program provides seed, fertilizer and chemical industry personnel and agricultural consultants with training in the diagnosis of crop problems and education in advancements in crop production. It was held at University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus on July 3 and 3, 2013; the 19th year of this outstanding technology transfer program. Organized by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Ministry of Rural Affairs, the day is designed specifically to hone the problem solving skills of agribusiness representatives through "hands-on" activities related to the correct identification and treatment of crop problems common to southern Ontario. The goal of the Diagnostic Days program is to provide quality training in all aspects of crop production and management.

366 participants over two days attended this valuable hands-on learning experience. Ninety per cent of the participants who responded to our survey indicated they were highly or very satisfied with the event and 100% responded the information will assist them in their agribusiness operation. Technology transfer, research and teaching staff from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus as well as extension colleagues from the University of Illinois, Purdue University and Michigan State University were involved in presenting the sessions. This event could only be made possible through the successful partnership of OMAFRA, University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus and the Southwest Soil and Crop Improvement Associations along with our sponsors Agris Co-op, BASF, Bayer CropScience, Dupont/Pioneer, Monsanto/Dekalb, Great Lakes Grain, and Syngenta.



The topics this year included:

- Herbicide Injury in Soybean
- Herbicide Injury in Corn
- Fungicide Resistance in Field Crops
- Carrot Family Weeds
- Corn Physiology: Planting Day to Canada Day
- Cover Crops – Where is the Fit?
- Safeguarding Pollinators at Planting
- Delaying Corn Rootworm Resistance to Bt
- Starting Crop off Right
- Genetics, Planting Date, Nitrogen Inputs
- Managing Mycotoxins in Wheat and Corn
- Fumigating? Make it Count

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