

Southwest Crop Diagnostic Days 2014

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 9 and 10, 2014 which was the 20th anniversary 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.

383 participants over two days attended this valuable hands-on learning experience. 100% per cent of the participants who responded to our survey indicated they were highly or very satisfied with the event and 97%% 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 Purdue University and private industry 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.

Topics this year were:

- **Herbicide injury in corn**
- **Herbicide injury in soybeans**
- **Similar but not the Same**
- **Pathogen's Evolve!**
- **Soybean Physiology, Fertilizer and Fungicide**
- **Early Season Soil Pests and IPM**
- **Improving N Use Efficiency!**
- **N Strategies for Corn**
- **Effects of preemergence corn herbicides on overseeded annual**
- **Making the link - soil biology and production -**
- **Native Pollinators and Natural Enemies !**
- **Wind breaks – Wind Speeds**

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Visit our website www.diagnosticdays.ca for next year's program (July 8 and 9, 2015).