



Southwest Crop Diagnostic Day 2006

The Southwest Diagnostic Days program provides seed, fertilizer and chemical industry personnel and agricultural consultants with training in the diagnosis of crop problems. It was held at Ridgetown Campus, University of Guelph, July 5&6, 2006 the 12th year of this outstanding technology transfer program.

Organized by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and 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.

The featured crop for 2006 was cereals with topics on wheat physiology, nitrogen rates and timing in wheat, cereal insects and diseases. Other sessions discussed included thistles and other prickly problems, alternate crop production challenges, herbicide injury in corn, soybeans, and specialty beans, stored grain pests, early season problems in corn and soybeans, water and nutrient movement through macropores, forage IPM, soil water dynamics for irrigation and drainage and early season establishment problems in tomatoes and peppers. The optional Diagnostic Challenge was offered with a chance for participants to test their skills and win prizes. Technology transfer, research and teaching staff from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ridgetown Campus, University of Guelph, agribusiness and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada are involved in presenting the sessions.

For the second year in a row one of the area agri-businesses organized a day (July 7th) for a number of their farmer clients to attend a shortened version of the day on. 97% of participants rated the day as moderate to highly beneficial to their business.

Visit our website www.diagnosticdays.ca for conference information.

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Scenes from Southwest Crop Diagnostic Days 2006

