

Southwest Crop Diagnostic Day 2010

The Southwest Diagnostic Day program provides seed, fertilizer and chemical industry personnel and agricultural consultants with training in the diagnosis of crop problems. It was held at University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus on July 7 and 8, 2010; the 16th 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 topics this year included:

- Herbicide Injury in Corn
- Herbicide Injury in Soys
- Impacts of Increased Management in Wheat – Is there a breaking point?
- Growing Bio-Energy Crops in Ontario
- Nitrogen Application Techniques, N Losses and Crop Impact in Corn
- Moving Soil- What is the impact on the field and the crop?
- Identifying and Assessing Diseases
- The Mixed Bag of Refuge
- SMART Soybeans – Is Intensive Management Worth it?
- Vines that Entwine
- Nematodes Unearthed



365 participants over two days attended this valuable hands-on learning experience. Technology transfer, research and teaching staff from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus were involved in presenting the sessions.



Once again the SWCDD hosted a “Mini Diagnostic Night” for local 4-H Field Crop clubs. More than 45 members and parents from 5 clubs got the chance to take a wagon tour of the plots and take in three of the stops featured during Diagnostic Days. The rain did not dampen their enthusiasm in learning about poisonous weeds, nematodes and tillage erosion. The evening event attracts older 4-H members that would be working during the day and gives them an opportunity to explore agricultural careers.

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