

Agriculture Research Center Field Day

Oct. 12 At Barton Center



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Southeast Missouri State University's Department of Agriculture will present its Agriculture Research Center Field Day on Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 1-4 p.m. at the David M. Barton Agriculture Research Center in Gordonville, Mo.

Featured speakers will be Tabatha Essner, farm marketer, Cargill AgHorizons; and David Reinbott, agriculture business specialist, University of Missouri Extension.

David Mauk, Southeast instructor of agriculture and middle and secondary education, will welcome those in attendance. Opening remarks will be presented by Dr. Ronald Rosati, Southeast provost; Dr. Chris McGowan, interim dean of the School of Polytechnic Studies; and Melody Brewen, an agriculture student.

Concurrent informational field and beef research sessions will be held at 1:40, 2:05, 3:10 and 3:35 p.m. Those scheduled to speak and their topics are as follows:

- Dr. Indi Braden, Southeast assistant professor of agriculture, forages;
- Bill Dodgen and Larry Garrett, Dupont Crop Protection, forage herbicides;
- Dr. Michael Aide, chair of Southeast's Department of Agriculture, fungicides in soybeans;
- Dr. Wes Mueller, Southeast professor of agriculture, variety trials in sweet sorghum;
- Dr. Sven Svenson, Southeast assistant professor of agriculture, late season pumpkin production using plasticulture;
- Dr. Julie Weathers, Southeast assistant professor of agriculture, beef production;
- Dr. Van Ayers, agriculture and rural development specialist, University of Missouri Extension, funding for farm energy projects; and
- Brian Robertson, University of Missouri, MAESTRO Program.

Refreshments and informational booths will

be available, and Aide will offer walking tours at the Center.

"We hope people will come and visit with the faculty, meet our students and experience the applied research we hope will advance southeast Missouri. The Department of Agriculture at Southeast Missouri State University is growing to meet its responsibility to all of southeast Missouri," Aide said. "The faculty has successfully added the agribusiness plant and soil science bachelor's degree program to Southeast's regional campuses in Sikeston, Malden and Kennett. This new row-crop oriented program provides many new students an affordable and valuable opportunity to study agriculture."

The new agriculture education major has been in operation for one year.

Weathers serves as the Department of Agriculture's animal scientist. Her leadership role includes working with the beef herd and providing outreach to the beef producers of Southeast Missouri. The department is also in the first year of operating its new beef research facility.

Svenson is developing the Charles Nemanick Alternative Agriculture Station on the Southeast campus to provide horticulture opportunities to students and to medium-sized growers to establish sustainable and profitable horticulture businesses.

Mueller specializes in the production of plants for bio-energy and is developing the biomass and biofuels sub-station at the David M. Barton Agriculture Research Center. Braden is developing Southeast's precision agriculture program.

"Please visit with us on Oct. 12 to see how we are meeting our region's educational needs," said Aide.

For more information, please contact the Department of Agriculture at (573) 651-2106 or visit www.semo.edu/agriculture. Δ