

Agronomy Day At U Of I Set

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Agronomy Day at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will be on Thursday, August 13

Farm consultant Bob Pearson has attended numerous Agronomy Days and said he gets a lot out of the event. "The professional staff at the individual tour stops have hands-on experience and are able to answer the hard questions," said Pearson. Networking with other farmers is another advantage, according to Pearson. "People attend from all over the state and comments made at the stops and during lunch give added insight and value to the day."

This year's tours will include research findings on controlling waterhemp and other weeds; soybean varieties that are resistant to soybean aphids; and management of western corn rootworm. "In addition to the free tours to field test sites, there will be tent displays from agricultural organizations, research projects, and vendors," Dunker said.

Information about Agronomy Day including an email sign-up, can be found at <http://agronomyday.cropsci.illinois.edu/>.

Agronomy Day is an annual event attended by over 1,000 visitors to the Crop

Sciences Research and Education Center which is located south of the U of I main Urbana-Champaign campus off of St. Mary's Road on South Wright Street Extended.

Agronomy Day begins at 7:00 a.m. Free hour-long tours depart from the St. Mary's location, making stops at research plots and repeating every half-hour until approximately noon. Lunch is available for a nominal charge.

At the noon program, Colleen Callahan will give a presentation entitled "Change and Challenge, Circumstance and Choice." Callahan is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in agricultural communications. She became the first woman agribusiness director for WMBD Radio and TV in Peoria. After 30 years there, Colleen started her own communications firm, where she continues her farm broadcasting at WGFA Radio in Watseka. For more information about Callahan, visit www.colleen-callahan.org.

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