

Attend The 2011 Brownstown Agronomy Center Field Day

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University of Illinois Extension specialists and researchers will share the latest findings in agronomic research at the 2011 Brownstown Agronomy Research Center Field Day hosted by the U of I Department of Crop Sciences on Thursday, July 28.

“Every cropping season presents unique challenges, and 2011 is no exception,” said U of I Extension educator Robert Bellm. “Crop production research conducted at centers such as Brownstown is locally relevant to growers. The research represents the unique soil types and growing conditions in the area.”

This year’s field day will consist of a five-stop field tour. The tours will begin at 9 a.m., with the last tour departing at 9:20 a.m.

Nutrient management topics include “Do Insecticide Seed Treatments and Foliar Fungicides Affect Corn Response to Nitrogen?” by Steve Ebelhar, U of I research specialist. In addition, Fabian Fernandez, U of I Extension specialist in soil fertility, will inform producers about soil

testing variability.

Pest management will be discussed in “An introduction to Palmer amaranth, a pigweed that concerns producers,” by U of I Extension weed specialist Aaron Hager. Also, “Fungicide Resistance: Coming Soon to a Field near You?” will be presented by Carl Bradley, U of I Extension specialist in plant pathology.

Producers will also discover soil and water management tips from Emerson Nafziger, U of I Extension agronomist, who will discuss how much tillage corn really needs.

Participants are encouraged to attend the field day rain or shine. Following the tour, attendees will receive a free lunch. In addition, Certified Crop Advisor credits have been applied for.

The research center is located on Illinois Route 185 south of Brownstown. Call 618-427-5239 to arrange for accommodations.

For more information and to download the tour schedule, visit <http://cropsci.illinois.edu/research/rdc/brownstown>. Δ