

# Bootheel Irrigation Conference To Focus On “Makin’ My Irrigation Profitable”

## PORTAGEVILLE, MO.

The Bootheel Irrigation Conference & Tradeshow, which will take place Tuesday, December 16th in Portageville, MO, will focus on strategies irrigators can use to make their irrigation more profitable. Dr. Joe Henggeler, the Conference organizer, said that “there are several tools out there – some new and some tired-and-true – that can make irrigators more efficient and could cut costs by as much as 50 percent.”

Part of the Conference will address the basics of irrigation, which are fundamental in being economically efficient. These talks will include what pumps to use, guidelines for running diesel engines, and how to maximize one of the biggest incentives out there – load management for electric users. A John Deere rep will give the ins and outs of diesel engines, including what farmers need to know about future Tier 4 engine requirements.

Besides addressing irrigation fundamentals, another portion of the Conference will look at some of the new irrigation technology being tried in the mid-South area. Dr. Michael Aide

will explain about Southeast Missouri State University’s new irrigation research park that is evaluating drainage/sub-irrigation systems. Telemetry is fast becoming part of the reality for American farmers. Presenters will talk about the equipment needs for the irrigator and how telemetry is being used currently in the area to control the flood on rice and to manage energy costs.

The Conference opens up at 730 AM with registration and coffee & donuts. The first presentation starts at 8 AM. During the free time farmers will be able to visit with the exhibitors. Lunch will be provided, and adjournment will be at 1:45 PM. The Conference is FREE, but attendees must have pre-registered to be eligible for the door prizes.

The Conference will be at the Rone Hall of the University of Missouri’s Lee Farm near Portageville, MO. People interested in obtaining more information or pre-registering for it can do so at: <http://agebb.missouri.edu/irrigate/bh-conf/2008/index.htm> , or they can call Joe Henggeler at 573-379-5431. Δ