

Champion Grower Kip Cullers To Speak In Lamar Dec. 1

SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Kip Cullers of Purdy, Mo., who is best known for world record setting corn and soybean yields, is one of three speakers scheduled for a workshop focused on grain marketing that begins at 10 a.m., Dec. 1 at the Thiebaud Auditorium in Lamar, Mo.

"Cullers will discuss production methods needed to produce high yielding crops as well as tips for marketing grain," said Jay Chism, agronomy specialist with University of Missouri Extension in Barton County.

Cullers farms 11,000 acres of corn and 500 acres of soybeans across seven counties in southwest Missouri. He also cuts 2,500 acres of silage per year and grows green beans and winter spinach for a regional cannery.

In 2006, Cullers set the world record for soybean yields when he harvested 139 bushels per acre in his contest fields. The next year, Cullers broke his own yield record by harvesting 154 bushels of soybeans per acre.

He has won seven National Corn Grower Association titles for irrigated corn.

"While not everyone can produce corn that yields 300 bushel per acre, everyone could have sold some corn at \$8 per bushel," said Chism. "Learning how to use the markets is something most farmers could improve on."

Wayne Prewitt, an agriculture business specialist with MU Extension will begin the program with an introduction to marketing.

"Prewitt's presentation will provide a foundation for the rest of the program. Everyone is at different knowledge levels when it comes to grain marketing; this presentation will provide basic terminology for the rest of the program," said Chism.

The final speaker of the day will be Virg Robinson with Pioneer Seed Company. He will discuss market analysis and risk management strategies along with both fundamental and technical analysis to formulate market outlook opinions.

Call the Barton County MU Extension office at (417) 682-3579 before Nov. 26 to preregister since seating will be limited. The workshop is free to the public and lunch will be sponsored by Pioneer Seed Company. Δ