Date Set For U Of I Agronomy Day 2009

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his year's 53rd consecutive Agronomy Day at the University of Illinois will take place on August 13, a week earlier than usual.

"Due to a couple of other major agricultural events that we thought might create conflicts for visitors and presenters, Agronomy Day has been moved up a week early to Thursday, August 13," said Bob Dunker, superintendent of the U of I South Farms and chairperson for Agronomy Day.

"In order to distribute more timely communication about Agronomy Day, we have created a website. Visitors to the website can sign up to receive emails about the event," Dunker said. The website and email sign-up can be found

at http://agronomyday.cropsci.illinois.edu/

"Agronomy Day is an opportunity for people to hear about the latest research findings directly from U of I faculty members," Dunker said.

The annual event is attended by over 1,000 visitors to the Crop Sciences Research and Education Center on the Urbana campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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

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

For more information, visit http://agronomyday.cropsci.illinois.edu/ or contact Sharon Conatser, (217-333-4256; sconatse@illinois.edu). Δ

