Field Day Features Crop Research, Building Dedication

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he University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture's Rohwer Research Station will mark 50 years of agricultural research with tours of test plots and dedication of a new administration building July 24.

Director Larry Earnest said the station was begun in 1957 on 134 acres of donated land and another 500 acres purchased by the state. Now it has about 800 acres of research plots in rice, cotton, corn, soybeans, grain sorghum and wheat.

The new 4,800 square foot building has a large meeting room, which will double as a workroom, offices, a laboratory, conference room, kitchen and reception area. The projects was designed by SCM Architects of Little Rock and built by Davis Construction of Monticello.

Field day registration begins at 8 a.m. and

tours begin at 8:30 and 10. Industry and Division of Agriculture displays will be on view all morning and Visitors can choose from four tours:

- cotton: tarnished plant bugs, futuristic weed contro• rice: new herbicides, polymer coated urea and rice varieties;
- soybean: soybean diseases, stink bugs and Liberty Link varieties and pigweed control; and
- corn: single herbicide applications, effects of early season weed control on leaf orientation and planting date/seedling rate/ row spacing.

Door prizes will be given away on the tours. An indoor presentation at 11:30 will highlight the station's 50 years of research and dedicate the new building. Lunch will be served following the program. Δ