

# Illinois Wheat Association Hosts Winter Wheat Tour

## BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Illinois wheat growers will have an opportunity in May to tour winter wheat fields in order to make observations that will factor in to yield estimates of the 2013 winter wheat crop.

The Illinois Wheat Association is hosting the Southern Illinois Winter Wheat Tour on Tuesday, May 21. The tour will include field checks during the day with an evening report session at Brownstown Agronomy Research Center. Prior to the evening meal, yield estimates will be calculated, and attendees will have an opportunity to view wheat variety and seed treatment trials. Fred Kolb, U of I Professor of Small Grain Breeding; Emerson Nafziger, U of I Professor and Extension Agronomist; and Robert Bellm, U of I Extension Educator, Commercial Agriculture – Crops, will be on hand to discuss wheat development and wheat diseases.

Tour participants will meet at 9:00 a.m. at one of three locations: Siemer Milling Co., 111 W. Main St. (217-857-3131), Teutopolis; Mennel Milling Co. of Illinois, 415 E. Main St., Mt. Olive (217-999-2161); and Wehmeyer Seed Co., 7167 Highbanks Rd., Mascoutah (618-615-9037). Participants are asked to call in advance the location from which they would like to depart. Participants are also asked to make a reservation for dinner by contacting the IWA office at (309) 557-3619 or by e-mail at [cblary@ilfb.org](mailto:cblary@ilfb.org) by May 17.

Those unable to attend the daytime tour but interested in taking samples on their own and joining the group for the dinner and wrap-up are also asked to RSVP to IWA by May 17. IWA will provide the tour instructions to those taking independent samples, to ensure sampling procedures are consistent. △



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