

Irrigation Meeting Tuesday December 20

BLOOMFIELD, MO.

University of Missouri Extension, USDA-NRCS and the Stoddard County Soil and Water Conservation District are hosting an irrigation tillage meeting. The meeting will be at the USDA Service Center, located on Highway 25 between Dexter and Bloomfield, MO. The meeting will be Tuesday, December 20 from 9-11:30 AM.

Irrigation has become a required agriculture practice in Southeast Missouri. The maintenance of high crop yields and the value of agriculture land in the region are directly related to the adoption and proper usage of irrigation.

There are several speakers at this meeting. Dr. Van Ayers, University of Missouri Extension, Bloomfield will give an overview of irrigation and irrigation energy assessment. Dr. Joe Henggeler, State Irrigation Specialist, University

of Missouri – Portageville will discuss irrigation pump assessment and optimization for Southeast Missouri aquifers. For maximum efficiency, pumping systems need to be designed for the high water table that exists in the area. Mr. John Hester, USDA-NRCS, Dexter, MO will talk about surge irrigation and properly adjusting the surge valve. Ms. Michelle Gross, USDA-NRCS, Dexter will speak on USDA programs for irrigation and irrigation efficiency and Mr. Josh Lemmons of the Stoddard County SWCD will also discuss cost share programs for irrigation.

There is no fee to attend. Anyone with interests in irrigation is invited. For information concerning the meeting, contact Dr. Van Ayers, University of Missouri Extension, PO Box 169, Bloomfield, MO 63825 or ayersv@missouri.edu. △



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