

Judd Hill Cotton Field Day To Showcase Research And New Technology

TRUMANN, ARK.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture 2012 Cotton Field Day on Aug. 30 at the Judd Hill Cooperative Research Station near Trumann will feature an array of field research and programs of interest to farmers. Rep. Rick Crawford of Arkansas and newly appointed Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Butch Calhoun will be keynote speakers.

“This annual field day is a great opportunity for cotton people to learn about research and technology that could benefit them,” said Fred Bourland, director of the Division of Agriculture’s Northeast Research and Extension Center at Keiser.

“I am very grateful to the Judd Hill Foundation for making some of the best cotton land in the Mid-South available for cooperative research by scientists from Arkansas State University, the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, other agencies and agribusinesses,” said Bourland, who also directs the Division’s cotton breeding program.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The field tour will depart from the Judd Hill office at 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. A variety of displays and demonstrations will also be provided.

The farm is on Highway 214, about five miles south of Trumann. Farm Credit Services, Dixie Gin, and the Judd Hill Foundation will provide a complementary lunch to conclude the program.

Scientists from the Division of Agriculture, Arkansas State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture will show their research plots and discuss cotton variety testing and breeding, soil moisture monitoring, cotton sustainability, seedling disease, plant root health, plant growth regulator products and the effects of high temperature stress in cotton.

Visitors can also visit with representatives from Cotton Incorporated on fiber quality and variety selection; the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service on the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Water Initiative and conservation and drought issues; the White River Irrigation District on wireless pump control systems; ASU faculty on watershed studies, special technology tools, and cotton sustainability; Division of Agriculture faculty on end-of-season management and online crop production budgets; and seed companies regarding seed for 2013. Δ