

# Milan Soybean Disease, Insect And Weed Field Day Success

## Speakers Address Crowd Of 300

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The University of Tennessee Research and Education Center in Milan, TN recently hosted the Soybean Disease, Insect, and Weed Field Day. Over 300 were in attendance. Programs on soybean diseases were presented by University of Tennessee Extension Plant Pathologist, Dr. Melvin Newman; USDA, ARS, Nematologist, Dr. Pat Donald and University of Arkansas, Extension Plant Pathologist, Dr. Cliff Coker.

Soybean weeds, varieties and economics were examined by University of Tennessee Extension Weed Specialist, Dr. Larry Steckel; University of Tennessee Soybean and Corn Specialist, Dr. Angela McClure (Thompson) and University of Tennessee Extension Area Specialist, Mr. Chuck Danehower.

Sessions dealing with insect scouting, identification and control were presented by University of Tennessee Extension Entomologist, Dr. Scott Stewart. The storage of soybean seed in grain bags was the topic explored by University of Tennessee Extension Entomologist, Dr. Russ Patrick.

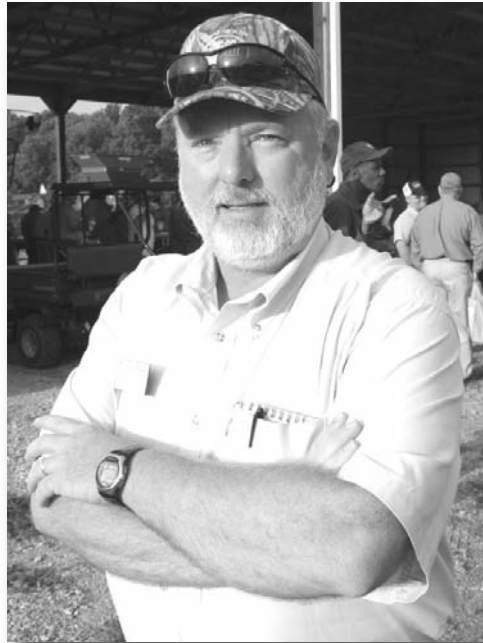
A soybean foliar fungicide tour was led by Bob Williams, University of Tennessee Extension Area Specialist and Jeff Lannom, University of Tennessee Extension Director in Weakley County. Dr. Fred Allen, University of Tennessee Extension Specialist, and Tim Campbell, University of Tennessee Extension Director in Dyer County led a soybean variety tour.

Blake Brown, director of the research and education center at Milan, stated weed control was challenging. "Weed control was as tough as I ever remember. In some cases we had to burn down twice and then we came back and planted into a jungle."

The weather was the main factor in the growth

of weeds. Brown said, "we had a lot of weeds. I think the weather really kicked them in gear. We had some situations, with some conventional crops, that we scratched our heads on what else we could spray. They just kept coming. It was because of all the rain. We just kept getting flush after flush after flush."

Brown stated, "we have been extremely busy, we have had a real good year. I think we are



**Dr. Blake Brown, Director of the Research and Education Center at Milan, Tenn, discussed the challenges of this year's weed control.**

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going to have a lot of good results. We have got 25 researchers doing work here and numerous plots. Right now things are looking pretty promising with the exception of the cotton. That is still a big question mark. It has been cool but the corn and beans look awfully good." Δ

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