

Missouri Rice Conference To Focus On Crop Selection

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The 2008 Missouri Rice Producers Co-nference will be Wednesday morning February 13 at the Eagles Club on Highway 25 in Dexter.

This is a time of extraordinarily high prices – for crops and inputs. Featured on this year's program are presentations and on-line resources to help rice farmers choose how many acres to plant to different crops. The speakers from the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute and the Missouri Rice Council will give the market outlook and legislation reports that affect cropping choices.

Missouri's rice breeder, Donn Beighley, will report on new rice varieties. Dr. Brian Ottis will

give recommendations for growing hybrid rice.

In response to farmers' requests a comparison of pumping costs from electric, LP and diesel power will be presented.

Current recommendations on weed, insect and disease control will be given by University of Missouri researchers.

Over seventeen commercial sponsors will be available to show their products and services. They pay the costs of the program and the lunch.

All are welcome.

The program begins sharply at 8:30 am and runs through lunch.

For more information call Bruce Beck at University of Missouri Extension at (573) 686-8064.

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