

Prairie Co. Row Crop Meeting Set For Jan. 10 At Fairgrounds

DE VALLS BLUFF, ARK.

The results of a three-year research project on how soybean seed quality is affected by a variety of environmental factors is among the discoveries to be presented at the Prairie County's 2012 Row Crop production meeting Jan. 10.

The agenda includes corn, soybean, sorghum, wheat and rice extension specialists for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, who will be reviewing the 2011 crop year and results from 2011 research.

"Arkansas' row crop producers face more challenges than ever, including resistant weeds, weather extremes and the economy," said Brent Griffin, Prairie County extension staff chair for the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. "This meeting will help equip them with better tools for managing the bumps in the road."

The meeting, to be held at the Prairie County Fairgrounds, begins at 8:30 a.m. and includes lunch. There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact either of the Prairie County offices: Des Arc office at 870-256-4204 or De Valls Bluff office at 870-998-2614.

On the agenda:

John Rupe, professor-plant pathology for the U of A Division of Agriculture, and Rick Cartwright, associate director-agriculture and natural resources for the division, will present their soybean seed findings – a project funded by the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board.

Jason Kelley, extension wheat and feed grains

agronomist, with a look back at the 2011 corn and grain sorghum production year. He will present data on new corn hybrids and effects of planting date.

Yeshi Wamishe, extension plant pathologist, will relate the effects of weather on rice and rationale for the high incidence of rice bacterial panicle blight.

Gus Lorenz, extension entomologist, will present results of tests with new insecticides and why growers dealt with so many worms in 2011.

Morteza Mozaffari, soil scientist for the U of A Division of Agriculture, will discuss the amount of nutrients needed to produce an economical crop with minimal environmental effects.

Scott Stiles, extension economist, will present 2012 forecast for input cost, crop marketing, and an update on the new or lack of new Farm Bill.

Stewart Runsick, extension rice verification coordinator, and Chris Grimes, extension soybean and wheat verification coordinator, will present results from the 2011 rice and soybean verification programs.

Chuck Wilson, director of the Rice Research and Extension Center, will review 2011 rice crop and discuss industry trends for 2012 and beyond.

Jeremy Ross, extension soybean specialist, will review the 2011 soybean crop, Liberty Link soybeans, and how to prepare for 2012.

Bob Scott, extension weed scientist, will lay out a program for combating herbicide resistant weeds and the potential for new herbicides. Δ



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