UK Wheat Field Day Is May 20

PRINCETON, KY. The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's annual wheat field day will be Tuesday, May 20, amid a background of high wheat prices and high production costs.

The field day will begin at 8:30 a.m. at UK's Research and Education Center in Princeton. Nine tour stops will be featured at the event. An annual favorite among participants is a chance to see the variety trials being conducted on the research farm.

Tour stops featured this year include information on breeding for scab resistance, summary of ryegrass control with herbicides over multiple studies, on-the-go sensing and its relevance for farming and research and what happened to the nitrogen this year.

Additional topics include planting date and insecticide for control of aphids, fungicide labeling issues, why not "a little" tillage for wheat and an update on canola research. Field day presenters are members of the UK Wheat Science Group, which is comprised of researchers and extension specialists from a number of departments within the College of Agriculture.

Registration for this year's program begins at 8:30 a.m. The program will conclude at noon with lunch provided by the Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association. Brief comments will be made by Scott Smith, dean of the UK College of Agriculture.. Emceeing the luncheon program will be veteran farm broadcaster Jack Crowner.

Certified crop advisers can receive 3.5 hours of continuing education credits in both pest management (1.5 hours) and crop management (2 hours). The program has also been approved for two general and one specific pesticide credit hours in categories 1A, 4, 10, & 12 from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

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