## **University Crop Science Field Tour Dates Set**



## **ROBERT C. BELLM**

MT. VERNON, ILL. Both University of Illinois Department of Crop Sciences, and SIUC College of Agricultural Sciences will be hosting summer field tours at their agronomic research centers in the coming weeks. These field tours highlight the results of the latest crop pro-

duction research being conducted by these universities and provide valuable information to growers throughout the state.

In addition to its main research farm at Urbana, the U of I Department of Crop Sciences operates five outlying research centers, representing the major soil types and growing environments in the state. Crop production research conducted at these centers is locally relevant to the growers farming in those areas because it represents their unique soil types and growing conditions. SIUC College of Agricultural Sciences operates a research center located near Belleville.

Although field day tour topics vary by location, new research developments in weed, insect, disease, fertility and crop management are normally offered at most locations. Some locations also offer tours covering plant breeding, soil and water management, crop marketing and engineering technologies.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend one or more of these events. In addition to seeing current research results, you will have the opportunity to check out the crops around the state and visit with your neighbors about their cropping systems. Below is a listing of the field days.

• Thursday, July 15, 9:00 a.m. – Belleville SIU Research Center, Belleville, 618-566-4761

• Thursday, July 15, 4:00 p.m. – Northern Illinois Agronomy Research Center, Shabbona, 815-824-2029

• Thursday, July 29, 9:00 a.m. – Brownstown Agronomy Research Center, Brownstown, 618-692-9434

• Thursday, August 5, 9:00 a.m. – Dixon Springs Agricultural Center, Simpson, 618-695-2441

 $\bullet$  Thursday, August 19, 7:00 a.m. – UIUC Crop Sciences Research & Education Center, Urbana, 217-333-4256 .  $\Delta$ 

ROBERT BELLM: Extension Educator, Crop Systems, University of Illinois