

University of Illinois Hosts First International Agronomy Day

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Agriculturists around the world are invited to engage in a global food production discussion during the first International Agronomy Day at the University of Illinois on August 27.

The U of I Department of Crop Sciences encourages producers from around the globe to participate in this unique forum bringing its nationally renowned faculty together to share the latest in agronomy, weed science, crop production, pest management, agricultural economics and more.

German Bollero, head of the Department of Crop Sciences, said he's excited about the opportunity for more global engagement.

"Whether you produce soybeans in Cham-paign or Brazil, we all face similar challenges in producing food and feedstuffs," Bollero said. "We want to provide information based on

sound scientific research to help improve global food production."

International Agronomy Day will take place on Monday, Aug. 27, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the U of I South Farms, allowing participants plenty of time to continue on to Iowa for the 2012 Farm Progress Show on Aug. 28-30.

"Every year we receive many requests to host international visitors, and this is our way of meeting that demand by creating an annual event with targeted messages to answer their most pressing questions while helping them achieve their goals," said Aaron Hager, International Agronomy Day chairman. "We hope to create a new tradition for people who attend the Farm Progress Show and add value to their experience."

For more information about International Agronomy Day, go to iad.cropsi.illinois.edu. Δ



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