

# University Of Illinois Hosts International Agronomy Day



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**A**griculturists around the world are invited to engage in a global food production discussion during International Agronomy Day at the University of Illinois on August 26.

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 Champaign 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 pro-

duction."

International Agronomy Day will take place on Monday, Aug. 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the U of I South Farms, allowing participants plenty of time to continue on to Decatur for the 2013 Farm Progress Show on Aug. 27-29.

"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 <http://www.internationalagronomyday.org/> (for Spanish, go to <http://spanish.internationalagronomyday.org/>)

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