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NEBRASKA SOYBEAN MANAGEMENT FIELD DAY AUGUST 13TH

Growing a quality crop at a profitable price in today's global economy will be a central theme of several presentations at this year's Soybean Management Field Days. The fifth annual event, "Soybeans American Style," will provide unbiased and research-based information to improve soybean production and profitability.

By attending the Soybean Management Field Days, growers will take home answers to important topics that will have a direct impact on the profitability of their soybean enterprise. Past participants have placed an average value on the knowledge gained and/or anticipated changes in practices at \$8.89 per acre, according to Keith Glewen, UNL Extension Educator and event coordinator.

One of the key topics this year applies to irrigation. Much of Nebraska soybeans are in the critical period for irrigation to provide maximum yield response. Irrigating during this key time from late July into early August almost always provides the maximum bang for your irrigation buck

The event will be held at four sites across Nebraska, August 12-15, with each site including demonstration plots, lunch and time for questions. Presenters include university specialists, educators and industry consultants. Topics include: managing weeds to cut costs and increase yields (including how to turbocharge your glyphosate), strengthening financial position (including how to act locally to compete globally), understanding soil water and managing irrigation (including recommendations on getting the most bang from your water inputs), and unlocking the mysteries of high soybean yields (including tips for getting the most from organic matter and soil nutrients).

Norm Husa of Barneston, is the chairman of the Nebraska Soybean Board this year. He says the Soybean Management Field Days are the premiere information source for the latest research management recommendations in Nebraska. By participating, producers will see their checkoff dollars at work bringing leading technology and ideas to producers. The field days begin at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 2:30 p.m. Tents are raised, so if it is hot weather, it helps take the edge of the sun. Free registration is available the day of the event.

Thanks to Keith Neumann of DeWitt, a local cooperater, we have a Field Day close to us. On Wednesday, August 13th, from DeWitt go four and three-tenths miles south on Highway 103 and the field day is on the west side of the road. The field site is also located half a mile south of Tri-County School or 1.6 miles north of the Highway 4 and 103 intersection. Area producers will not have a closer location as other field days are located at Shelby, Dakota City and Overton.

Continuing education credits for the Certified Crop Advisor program will be available.

For more information about the Field Days, visit the 2003 Soybean Management Field Days web site at <http://ardc.unl.edu/soydays.htm> or call Cooperative Extension at (800) 529-8030 or contact the Nebraska Soybean Board at (800) 852-BEAN. The field days are sponsored by the Nebraska



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