

Outreach Summary: Crop Management Field Tours and Training Sessions

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During the 2001 growing season, the Carrington Research Extension Center hosted numerous crop management tours and training sessions. The Center's research trials and demonstration plots were used by extension and research staff to provide field training for nearly 1000 people. Education of farmers, crop advisers, and agri-business personnel during the growing season provides an opportunity for the audience to immediately incorporate the information into farm operations.

Following is a listing of crop management events conducted at the Center May through September:

May

- Extension IPM Crop Scout training
- ND Weed Control Association Spring Sprayer School

June

- ND Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers irrigation tour
- Crop Management Field School
- CREC Advisory Board summer meeting and tour
- ND State Seed Department Field Inspectors training
- North Carolina agricultural group tour
- DuPont/Pioneer sales representatives field training

July

- Off-station crop variety tours (Lisbon, Dazey, Wishek, and Fullerton)

Northern Canola Growers Association tour

- Wetlands Trust tour
- Legume Logic Seed Growers tour
- Hail Adjusters workshop
- CREC Annual Field Day
- ND Dry Pea and Lentil Association tour

August

- Land Grant Student Leadership Development Network tour

September

- Off-station soybean variety tour (Litchville)
- ND Soybean Council tour
- Commercial Vegetable Growers of ND tour
- National Sunflower Association field surveyors' training

Crop subject matter areas during these events included crop cultivar performance, pest identification and management (disease, insects, and weeds), traditional and alternative crop management, cropping systems, irrigated crop management, and forage production. Many of the tours also included viewing and discussing livestock (beef and bison) and aquaculture research projects.

In the future, the Carrington Center will continue to host and conduct field educational events during the growing season. Individuals or groups are encouraged to visit the Center for formal or informal educational opportunities throughout the year.

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