

Outreach Summary: Crop Management and Education Field Tours

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During the 2007 crop season, the NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center conducted or hosted workshops and/or field tours using crop research trials and demonstration plots to provide educational opportunities for about 1000 people. The events provided in-season crop production updates for farmers; crop advisers; and university, USDA, and agri-business personnel that could be incorporated into their farm or crop adviser programs. In addition, the Center's resources were used for youth educational tours.

The following is a listing of the 2007 field events conducted by the Center (unless indicated otherwise) during April through November that included crop topics:

April

- Colfax FFA Agricultural Careers tour

May

- Carrington Elementary School tours (kindergarten, first grade, and third grade)
- Northern Pulse Growers Association Southeast Asian group tour

June

- ND Soil and Water Summit
- Crop Management Field School
- ND State Seed Department field inspectors training
- Winter Wheat tour (Ellendale)
- ND Grain Growers Association tour
- Farmers Mutual Insurance Hail workshop
- Great American Crop Insurance workshops
- Kidder County (Robinson) Off-Station Organic tour
- Northern Plains REC tour

July

- Barnes County (Dazey) Off-Station Tour
- Tri-County (Wishek) Off-Station Tour
- Northern Pulse Growers Association tour
- CREC Annual Field Day
- ND State College of Science Ag Student Field School
- Farm Credit Services (Western North Dakota region) tour
- Pierce County (Rugby) Off-Station Organic tour
- Wells County (Cathay) Off-Station Organic tour
- Ayr On-farm Strip-till/Corn tour
- Bayer CropSciences Industry tour
- Missouri Slope Irrigation Development Association tour

August

- Barnes County (Fingal) Off-Station Corn tour
- Northern Crops Institute Trade Team tour
- Oakes Irrigation Research Site field day

- North Dakota State Horticultural Society field tour
- Dupont Industry tour
- Wilbur-Ellis Industry tour

September

- NDSU Extension Service Ag Agent tour
- Row Crop (corn, soybean, and sunflower) field day
- NRCS Nutrient Management Workshops (2)

November

- Carrington Fifth Grade School-to-Work tour

Crop subject matter areas during these events included crop cultivar performance, pest identification and management (disease, insects, and weeds), traditional and alternative crop management, soil management, and cropping/tillage systems.

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