

## **Outreach Summary: Crop Management and Education Field Tours**

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**D**uring the 2008 crop season, the NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center used crop research trials and demonstration plots to provide field educational opportunities for about 700 persons. 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 2008 field events conducted at the Center (unless indicated otherwise) during May through October that included crop topics:

### **May**

- NW College (Powell, WY) ag tour
- Carrington Elementary School tour (kindergarten and 3rd grade)

### **June**

- Crop Management Field School
- ND State Seed Department field inspectors training
- Winter Wheat tour (Ellendale)
- Farmers Mutual Insurance Hail workshop
- Great American Crop Insurance workshops
- Case IH tour

### **July**

- Barnes County (Dazey) and Tri-County (Wishek) Off-Station tours
- Northern Pulse Growers Association tour
- Annual Field Day
- ND State College of Science Ag Student Field School
- Syngenta Cereal Weed Control tour
- Bayer Cereal Fungicide tour

### **August**

- Barnes County (Fingal) Off-Station Corn tour
- NRCS Cover Crop/Soil Quality workshop and tour

### **September**

- Row Crop (corn, soybean and sunflower) tour
- South Korean Trade Team tour

### **October**

- 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.

Individuals or groups are encouraged to visit the Center for formal or informal educational opportunities throughout the year.



**Soil pit demonstration at Crop Management Field School.**