

# OUTREACH SUMMARY: CROP MANAGEMENT FIELD TOURS AND TRAINING SESSIONS

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**Educational programs for farmers, crop** advisers, and agri-business personnel during the growing season provide an opportunity for the audience to immediately incorporate the information into farm or agri-business management. During the 2003 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 formal field training for about 550 people.

The following is a listing of the crop management events conducted at the Center during May through September:

May

- Extension IPM Crop Scout training

June

- Crop Management Field School
- Small grain fungicide and phosphorus management meeting
- DuPont/Pioneer sales representatives field training

July

- Pulse USA pulse crop tour
- Dazey off-station crop variety tour
- CREC Annual Field Day
- ND Dry Pea and Lentil Association pulse crop tour
- Bayer fungicide tour

August

- Canadian crop scientist tour

September

- ND Soybean Council Soybean Research Field Tour
- National Sunflower Association research committee tour

Crop subject matter areas during these events included crop cultivar performance, pest identification and management (diseases, insects, and weeds), traditional and alternative crop management, cropping systems, irrigated crop management, and forage production.

Numerous informal field visits also occur between Center agronomists and visitors. Visitors during 2003 included persons from foreign countries including Argentina, Belarus, Canada, Republic of Georgia, and The Netherlands.

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.