

Outreach Summary: Crop Management Field Tours and Training Sessions

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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 or agri-business management. During the 2004 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 750 people.

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

May

- NDSU Extension Service IPM Crop Scout training

June

- Crop Management Field School
- North Dakota chapter of farm managers meeting and tour
- Manitoba-ND Zero-till Farmers Association Summer Board meeting and tour

July

- Wishek, Dazey, and Harvey off-station crop research tours
- ND Barley Council tour
- CREC Annual Field Day
- ND Dry Pea and Lentil Association pulse crop tour

September

- 16th International Sunflower Conference – Post Conference tour
- Sunflower and Corn tour
- ND Soybean Council Soybean Research Field 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, cropping systems, irrigated crop management, and forage production.

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.