

Outreach Summary: Crop Management and Education Field Tours

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During the 2006 crop season, the NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center conducted or hosted tours using crop research trials and demonstration plots to provide educational opportunities for about 600 people. The tours provided in-season crop production updates for farmers, crop advisers, and agri-business personnel that could be incorporated into their farm or agri-business operations. In addition, the Center's resources were used for youth educational tours.

The following is a listing of the 2006 field events conducted at the Center (unless indicated otherwise) during May through October that included crop topics:

May

- Carrington Elementary School third-grade tour

June

- Crop Management Field School
- Eddy County crop tour
- ND State Seed Department field inspectors training

July

- Wishek, Dazey, and Harvey off-station crop research tours
- Northern Plains Sustainable Ag Society crop tours (including Robinson and Rugby)
- ND Dry Pea and Lentil Association pulse crop tour
- CREC Annual Field Day
- ND Barley Council tour
- ND Corn Utilization Board tour



Crop Management Field School.

August

- Gamma Sigma Delta tour

September

- Corn, Soybean, and Sunflower tour



Corn, soybean and sunflower tour.

October

- Carrington Elementary School fifth-grade 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, 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.