

Southwest Crop Diagnostic Day 2008

The Southwest Diagnostic Day program provides seed, fertilizer and chemical industry personnel and agricultural consultants with training in the diagnosis of crop problems. It was held at University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus on July 9 and 10, 2008; the 14th year of this outstanding technology transfer program. Organized by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, the day is designed specifically to hone the problem solving skills of agribusiness representatives through "hands-on" activities related to the correct identification and treatment of crop problems common to southern Ontario. The goal of the Diagnostic Days program is to provide quality training in all aspects of crop production and management.



Learning about wheat leaf diseases

The topics this year included:

- Sprayer Nozzles, Pressure, Droplet Size and Water Volume
- Plant Health & Diseases
- Dry Bean Diagnostics
- Pushing the Limits in Wheat
- Corn Physiology
- Seed Treatments and Stress
- Getting the Most from Fertilizer

- Herbicide Injury in Corn and Soybeans
- Broadleaves Weeds by Cotyledons ID
- New Tools for Diagnosing Vegetable Crop Problems
- Western Bean Cutworm
- Asiatic Garden Beetle
- Pasture, Forage & Cover Crop Grass ID



Selecting nozzles best suited for the task.

350 participants over two days attended this valuable hands-on learning experience. Technology transfer, research and teaching staff from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus were involved in presenting the sessions.

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