

Southwest Crop Diagnostic Day 2003



Where do seed, fertilizer and chemical industry personnel and agricultural consultants go every year for practical training in diagnosing crop problems? To the Southwest Diagnostic Days program held every July at Ridgetown College. Technology transfer, research and teaching staff from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ridgetown College/University of Guelph, agribusiness and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada are involved in presenting sessions each year. July 7-8, 2004 marks the 10th anniversary of this outstanding technology transfer program.

Organized by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, the day is designed specifically to improve 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.

Some of the highly rated topics from last year were herbicide injury in corn, soybeans and edible beans; speed spraying; legume diseases; and “hoppers and weevils”. The featured crop for 2004 will be soybeans. In addition to soybean issues, topics being considered for 2004 are: root diseases, seed treatments and herbicide interactions on soybeans and edible beans; soybean insects; soil compaction; herbicide injury; weed identification; and more. Returning this year will be an optional horticultural crop stop.

To facilitate discussion with speakers, participants are assigned to small groups of no more than 20 people. Each group will rotate through twelve locations, six in the morning and six in the afternoon. 99% of participants rated the day as moderate to highly beneficial to their business.

“Excellent day, very informative” - Diagnostic day participant

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