

Eastern Ontario Crop Diagnostic Day 2007 – July 17th



The Eastern Ontario Crop Diagnostic Day is a co-operative effort between the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Eastern Ontario Crop Advisory Committee and Kemptville Campus of the University of Guelph. The Eastern Ontario Crop Diagnostic Day is an annual event held in mid-July, designed specifically to improve the problem solving skills of seed, fertilizer and chemical industry personnel, agricultural consultants and farm managers. Certified Crop Advisor credits are available for most sessions.

The Eastern Ontario Crop Diagnostic Day provides growers and agri-business personnel with “hands-on” learning experiences to assist in the correct identification and treatment of crop problems common to eastern Ontario. The program provides a “real-world” environment where agriculturists can hone their crop trouble-shooting skills and evaluate new and alternative management strategies. Participants are divided into small groups of about 20 people with each group rotating through the various diagnostic sites. About 225 participants attended the Eastern Ontario Crop Diagnostic Day in 2007.

Popular topics included spring wheat planting dates and nitrogen rate, forage species identification, weed identification, soybean aphids scouting and control thresholds, alternative crops, corn rootworm control, cereal variety demonstration plots, timing of weed control in corn, importance of nitrogen for soybean production and diagnostic challenge.

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