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Field Crop Notes



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Reduced Tillage in Forage Systems Field Meeting September 9, 2005 8:30 am to noon followed by lunch

East of Tipton at the Barcellos Shop: Avenue 152 (on the south side of Avenue 152 about 4 miles east of Highway 99 or, if coming from the other way, ½ mile west of Road 152.

Welcome and Introductions - Carol Frate, Farm Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension, Tulare County

Role of Reduced Tillage in Forage Crop Production - Dr. Jeff Mitchell, UC Department of Plant Science, Kearney Ag Center

Does Reduced Tillage in Corn Production Reduce Dust? - Nick Madden, Graduate Student, UC Davis

Yield Trials in Reduced Tillage Corn - Carol Frate, UCCE, Tulare County

Grower Panel: Hands-on Experience with Benefits and Challenges of Using Reduced Tillage in Corn and Forage Production.

Equipment Viewing - planters, strip tillers, high residue cultivator

Local Research on Narrow Rows in No-Till Corn

Canopy Closure and Its Effects on Weeds - Dr. Anil Shrestha, Weed Ecologist, U.C. Kearney Ag Center

Insect Considerations - Dr. Charlie Summers, UCD Entomologist stationed at Kearney Ag Center

Yield Results - Carol Frate, UCCE Tulare County

Role of Sorghum/Sorghum Sudans, BMR's in Forage Systems - Jim Kautz, Barkley Seed, Inc.

Sorghum Sudan No-Till Planting – a grower's experience - Tom Barcellos

**Please RSVP at 559-685-3303 by noon September 8, 2005
so we can get an accurate count for lunch.**

UC Kearney Alfalfa Field Day
UC Kearney Research and Extension Center
9240 South Riverbend Avenue, Parlier CA, 93648
Wednesday, September 14, 2005
8:00 a.m. – Noon

8:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

Tram Ride to Field Plots

Choosing Top Varieties for Yield and Pest Resistance, Including the New Roundup Ready Lines, Dan Putnam, UCCE Agronomist, UC Davis

Return to Lecture Hall

Horseweed Resistance and Other Weed Resistance Issues Related to Roundup Ready Alfalfa, Anil Shrestha, UCCE IPM Weed Ecologist, Kearney REC, Parlier

Groundwater Protection Zones and Alfalfa Herbicides -- What You Need to Know, Ron Vargas, UCCE Madera and Merced County Farm Advisor

Stewardship of the Roundup Ready Trait in Alfalfa, Barbara Kutzner, Monsanto Company Research and Development Representative

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Developing More Precise Alfalfa Seeding Rates, Shannon Mueller, UCCE Fresno County Farm Advisor

When Is It Too Soon to Replant Alfalfa, Considering Disease, Weeds, Insects and Other Factors? Carol Frate, UCCE Tulare County Farm Advisor

An Update on Alfalfa Insects, Charlie Summers, UCCE Associate Entomologist, Kearney Agricultural Center, Parlier

Question and Answer Session

Noon Adjourn

PCA Credits Offered



Silage Corn Variety Trial Field Meeting

Where: Milky Way Dairy

Just east of Rd 80, about 1.5 miles north of the landfill (first paved driveway north of the St. John's River)

What: 16 corn varieties are planted on the south side of the entry drive to Milky Way Dairy in a replicated trial.

In addition to seeing the varieties and having the opportunity to talk to corn seed representatives. Dr. Charlie Summers will give an update on corn stunt, leaf miners, and aphids.

When: The exact date has yet to be set but will be the 2nd or 3rd week of September. If you are interested in being notified of the exact time and date, please call the Tulare County U.C. Cooperative Extension office to provide your name and how best to reach you. Our number is 559-685-3303. Meeting announcement will also go to the radio stations and newspapers.

For those who cannot wait for the meeting, the 5-row plots are already labeled with the variety name. Just turn in the entryway to Milky Way Dairy (east off of Rd 80, approximately ¼ mile north of the St John's River and 1.5 miles north of the landfill). The trial is located in the first corn field to the south. Drive east until you notice the signs placed in the center of each 5-row plot.



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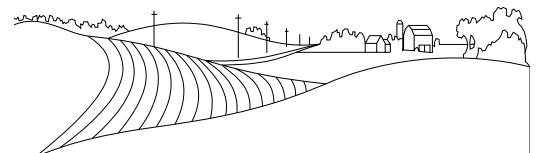
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- * Reduced Tillage in Forage Systems – 9/9/05
- * UC Kearney Alfalfa Field Day – 9/14/05
- * Silage Corn Variety Trial Field Meeting - TBA



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