

ILLINOIS WHEAT FORUM

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Knights of Columbus Hall - Highland, Illinois - Rte. 143 North

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. **On-Site Registration & Visit Exhibits**
- 9:00-9:05 a.m. **Welcome** – *Kyle Brase, IWA President*
- 9:05-9:55 a.m. **Wheat Variety Trials and Agronomic Research in 2014**
Dr. Emerson Nafziger, Department of Crop Sciences, University of Illinois
Dr. Nafziger will recap the 2014 Illinois wheat production season and will discuss results from the 2014 U of I variety trials. He will also recap findings from agronomic trials, including “high-yield” trials and ongoing research on use of seed treatment and foliar insecticides.
- 9:55-10:30 a.m. **Fall Residual Herbicides and Weed Management**
Robert Bellm, Brownstown Agronomy Research Center, U of I Extension
For a number of years, growers have used fall-applied burndown and/or residual herbicides to reduce winter annual weed pressure. With the increasing spread of herbicide resistant horseweed (marestail), fall-applied herbicides continue to be a valuable tool to consider. This presentation will focus on using the proper herbicides and application methods to make fall applications most effective.
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:35 a.m. **Biologicals and Seed Treatments**
Dr. Robert Beck, WinField Solutions Agronomist
Dr. Beck will review wheat seed treatments used to protect against fungal diseases and insect pests. Most seed treatments used today are fungicides which are either systemic or surface-acting. In addition, he will present information on biological plant growth regulators, root stimulants, fertility management, and diseases.
- 11:35-11:50 a.m. IWA Updates and Wheat Yield Contest Winner Announcement
- 11:50-1:00 p.m. Visit Exhibits and Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. **New Farm Bill Overview**
Doug Yoder, Senior Director of Affiliate and Risk Management, Illinois Farm Bureau
Even though the rules aren’t published yet, there is still a lot known about what the new Farm Bill contains. This session will highlight the new safety net features, what it means to crop insurance going forward, and the timeline for implementation.
- 2:00-2:45 p.m. **Volatility and Its Impact on Grain Markets**
Dale Durchholz, Senior Market Analyst, AgriVisor LLC, Bloomington, IL
Market Volatility has had a large impact in our markets over the last 5-10 years. We will look at where that is coming from, if it will stay, and more importantly how will it impact market prices both today and tomorrow. Will fundamentals remain an important indicator when looking at your marketing plan? Let’s look out to the future and discuss demand for our crops and where will this come from.
- 2:45 p.m. **Adjournment**