

PA Central Region Crop Conferences Final Report PSB Project Reference Number: E20111004

Crop Conferences Planning

Four crops conferences were held in the Central Region. The dates and locations for the conferences were as follows:

- January 16, 2012, Sugar Valley Charter School, Loganton, PA
- January 19, 2012, Oakhurst Tea Room, Somerset, PA
- January 27, 2012, Ramada Inn, Altoona, PA
- February 16, 2012, Livestock Evaluation Center, PA Furnace, PA

Enclosed you will find copies of the agendas for each conference. Also, the soybean board was recognized as a sponsor at each conference during the exhibitor presentations. All conferences offered continuing education credits for pesticide applicator licenses, nutrient management certification, and certified crop advisors. Also at each location either Greg Roth or Del Voight gave a 30 minute presentation titled "2012 Soybean Management Update." An exhibitor table was available to share soybean information.

Project Resources

Funding resources from the soybean board were used to cover the following expenses. Final costs for these items are detailed in the enclosed report:

- Printing of brochures that were mailed to certified pesticide applicators in counties where crops conferences were located and surrounding counties.
- Mailing costs to send out the brochures.
- Facility and meal costs.
- Travel and speaker stipends where needed.

Conference Evaluation

Participants at each conference were asked to evaluate the quality and usefulness of the information they learned at the conferences. A copy of the evaluation questions that were pertinent to this grant is enclosed. Overall, the results showed the following:

- 100% of participants were happy with the quality of the information presented
- 100% stated they learned something new at the conferences
- 98% of participants liked the program format
- 79% of participants who attended an Extension program in the past two years changed or adopted new practices as a result of attending the programs.
- 69% of the participants plan to implement a new practice as a result of hearing the soybean update presentation.

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Agenda

Sugar Valley Rural Charter School January 16, 2012		extension.psu.edu	
Registration will continue throughout the conference			
9:00—9 :10 AM	Welcome and Introductions		
9:10 to 9:40 AM	Exhibitor New Pesticide Product/Technology Update (1 Cat. Credit)		
9:40 to 10:25 AM	Sprayer Nozzle Selection: Kerry Richards (1 Core Credit)		
10:25—10:45 AM	BREAK		
10:45—11:15 AM			
10:45 to 11:30 AM	Pesticide Training		
11:30 to 12:00 PM	Exhibitor New Pesticide Product/Technology Update: 5 minute update per exhibitor (1 Cat. Credit)		
12:00 to 12:30 PM	LUNCH		
12:30 to 1:00 PM	Visit Exhibits		
1:00 to 1:30 PM	2012 Soybean Management Update: Greg Roth, Penn State University	Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Management: Eric Oesterling, Penn State Extension (1 Cat. Credit)	Dairy Nutrition and Grazing Management: Amber Yutzy, Penn State Extension
1:30 to 2:00 PM	What's New for 2012: Dwight Lingenfelter, Penn State University (1 Cat. Credit)	Implementing a Sweet Corn IPM Program: Eric Oesterling, Penn State Extension (1 Cat. Credit)	Extending the Grazing Season: J.B. Harrold, Project Grass Coordinator
2:00 to 2:30 PM	Sprayer Nozzle Selection: Bill Riden, Penn State University (1 Core Credit)	Personal protective Equipment: Chris Becker, Penn State University (1 Core Credit)	
2:30 to 2:45 PM	Break and Visit Exhibits		
2:45 to 3:15 PM	Sprayer Calibration: Chris Becker, Penn State University (1 Core Credit)	Pesticide Storage and Handling: Bill Riden, Penn State University (1 Core Credit)	
3:15 to 3:30 PM	Wrap Up and Evaluation		



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Appalachian Crops Conference, January 19, 2012		extension.psu.edu	
Registration will continue throughout the conference			
8:50 to 9:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions		
9:00 to 9:45 AM	New Visions in Soil Fertility Management Dr. Doug Beegle, Penn State University		
9:45 to 10:15 AM	Break and Visit Exhibits		
	Spangler Room	Baker Room	Hyde Room
10:15 to 10:45 AM	Establishing Cover Crops for Improved Soil Quality: Doug Beegle, Penn State University	Weed Management in Strawberries: Tom Ford, Penn State Extension (1 Cat. Credit)	Milestone and Forefront Issues: Stan McKee Penn State Extension (1 Cat. Credit)
10:45 to 11:30 AM	Stink Bugs & Slug Control and Management: Maggie Douglas Penn State University (1 Cat. Credit)	Integrated Weed Management in Vegetable Crops: Tom Ford, Penn State Extension (1 Cat. Credit)	Preventing Internal Parasite Infections on Pasture Melanie Barkley, Penn State Extension
11:30 to 12:00 PM	Exhibitor New Pesticide Product/Technology Update: 5 minute update per exhibitor (1 Cat. Credit)		
12:00 to 12:30 PM	LUNCH		
12:30 to 1:00 PM	Visit Exhibits		
1:00 to 1:30 PM	2012 Soybean Management Update: Greg Roth, Penn State University	Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Management: Eric Oesterling, Penn State Extension (1 Cat. Credit)	Dairy Nutrition and Grazing Management: Amber Yutzy, Penn State Extension
1:30 to 2:00 PM	What's New for 2012: Dwight Lingenfelter, Penn State University (1 Cat. Credit)	Implementing a Sweet Corn IPM Program: Eric Oesterling, Penn State Extension (1 Cat. Credit)	Extending the Grazing Season: J.B. Harrold, Project Grass Coordinator
2:00 to 2:30 PM	Sprayer Nozzle Selection: Bill Riden, Penn State University (1 Core Credit)	Personal protective Equipment: Chris Becker, Penn State University (1 Core Credit)	
2:30 to 2:45 PM	Break and Visit Exhibits		
2:45 to 3:15 PM	Sprayer Calibration: Chris Becker, Penn State University (1 Core Credit)	Pesticide Storage and Handling: Bill Riden, Penn State University (1 Core Credit)	
3:15 to 3:30 PM	Wrap Up and Evaluation		

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Central PA Crops Conference Altoona January 27, 2012		extension.psu.edu
Registration will continue throughout the conference		
9:00—9 :10 AM	Welcome and Introductions	
9:10 to 9:40 AM	Exhibitor New Pesticide Product/Technology Update (1 Cat. Credit)	
9:40 to 10:25 AM	New Visions in Soil Fertility Management: Doug Beegle	
BREAK		
10:45—11:15 AM	Cover Crops and Nutrient Management: Doug Beegle	Timber Rot ID and Management: Tom Butzler (1 Cat. Credit)
11:15 to 12:00 AM	Stink Bugs & Slug Control and Management: John Tooker (1 Cat. Credit)	Wet Fields: The Perfect Storm for Phytophthora: Tom Butzler (1 Cat. Credit)
12:00 to 12:30 PM	LUNCH	
12:40 to 1:10 PM	****Visit Exhibits****	
1:15 to 1:45 PM	2012 Soybean Management Update: Greg Roth, Penn State University	
1:45 to 2:15 PM	What's New for Weed Control: Dwight Lingenfelter (1 Cat. Credit)	Foliar Disease ID and Management in Strawberries: Tom Ford (1 Cat. Credit)
2:20 to PM 2:55	Sprayer Nozzle Selection: Christina Becker (1 Core Credit)	
2:55 to 3:30PM	Pesticide Storage and Handling: Christina Becker (1 Core Credit)	
3:30 PM	Wrap Up and Evaluation	



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Central PA Crops Conference, PA Furnace February 16, 2012		extension.psu.edu
Registration will continue throughout the conference		
9:00 to 9:10 AM	Welcome and Introductions	
9:10 to 9:40 AM	Exhibitor New Pesticide Product/Technology Update (1 Cat. Credit)	
9:40 to 10:25 AM	New Visions in Soil Fertility Management: Doug Beegle	
10:25 to 10:40 AM	What's the Scoop with Nutrient Management Regulations?? Daina Beckstrand	
BREAK		
10:50 to 11:20 AM	Cover Crops and Nutrient Management: Doug Beegle (1 Cat. Credit)	Timber Rot ID and Management: Tom Butzler (1 Cat. Credit)
11:20 to 12:05 PM	Stink Bugs & Slug Control and Management: John Tooker (1 Cat. Credit)	Wet Fields: The Perfect Storm for Phytophthora: Tom Butzler (1 Cat. Credit)
12:05 to 12:35 PM	LUNCH	
12:35 to 1:05 PM	****Visit Exhibits****	
1:15 to 1:45 PM	2012 Soybean Management Update: Ron Hoover	
1:45 to 2:15 PM	What's New for Weed Control: Dwight Lingenfelter (1 Cat. Credit)	Foliar Disease ID and Management in Strawberries: Tom Ford (1 Cat. Credit)
2:20 to 2:55 PM	Sprayer Nozzle Selection: Kerry Richards (1 Core Credit)	
2:55 to 3:30 PM	Pesticide Storage and Handling: Kerry Richards (1 Core Credit)	
3:30 PM	Wrap Up and Evaluation	

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Soybean Grant Expenditure Amounts

Room Rental Fees/Facility Costs	\$700.00
Meals	\$4301.96
Envelopes	\$209.90
Postage	\$837.48
Staff Support	\$210.00
Copying/Printing	\$1138.00
Speaker Travel	\$102.66
Total Amount Spent through Soybean Grant	\$7500.00

* Please note that there were additional expenses for the conferences that were covered through registration fees and industry donations.

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Crops Conference Evaluation

Summary of Central Region Evaluations

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Were you happy with the quality of the information presented?

Yes: 87 (100%) No: 0

Please rate how much you learned from today's presentations.

None: 0
Minimal: 5
Moderate: 56
Considerable: 25

100% learned something new at the 2012 Crops Conferences

Do you like the program format?

Yes: 81
No: 2

If you have attended an Extension program or event in the past two years, have you changed or adopted any new practices as a result? Please circle the appropriate answer.

Yes: 47
No: 6
Not Sure: 10

75% of respondents who attended an Extension program in the past two years changed or adopted new practices as a result of attending the programs.

As a result of the presentation titled 2012 Soybean Management Update, do you plan to implement a practice from the workshop in the next 2 years?

Already doing: 8
Plan to do: 18
Do Not Plan to do: 0

69% plan to implement a new practice as a result of hearing the soybean update presentation.

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