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## **Southwest Crop Diagnostic Days 2011**

The Southwest Diagnostic Day program provides seed, fertilizer and chemical industry personnel and agricultural consultants with training in the diagnosis of crop problems and education in advancements in crop production. It was held at University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus on July 6 and 7, 2011; the 17<sup>th</sup> year of this outstanding technology transfer program. Organized by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, the day is designed specifically to hone 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.



341 participants over two days attended this valuable hands-on learning experience. Ninety-four percent of the participants who responded to our survey indicated they were highly or very satisfied with the event. Technology transfer, research and teaching staff from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus were involved in presenting the sessions. This event could only be made possible through the successful partnership of OMAFRA, University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus and the Southwest Soil and Crop Improvement Associations.

### The topics this year included:

- Herbicide Injury in Soybean
- Herbicide Injury in Corn
- Management for Maximum Yields in Soybeans
- N Application Timing in Corn
- The Disease Management Toolbox
- How High Can Wheat Fly?
- Spray Coverages vs. Travel Speed
- Assessing Soil Health
- Being a Better Weed Scout
- Brown Marmorated Stink Bug ID and Steps in Bee Safety When Applying Pesticides
- Does Sampling Technique and Handling Matter?
- The Value of Windbreaks



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Visit our website www.diagnosticdays.ca for next year's dates and topics.

