

News Column

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Dryland Soil Health Network meeting - February 18 in Hays

K-State Research and Extension, in collaboration with USDA, is hosting a Dryland Soil Health Network meeting on February 18 for dryland producers and researchers. The meeting will be held at the K-State Agricultural Research Center in Hays. Opening remarks will begin at 10:00 am, a lunch will be provided, and the meeting will conclude at 2:00 pm. All interested people are invited to attend.

The goal of the Dryland Soil Health Network is to advance soil management strategies including conservation, cover crops, and no-tillage to improve soil health and productivity of dryland cropping systems through participatory research and learning.

The overall objectives of this meeting include:

Provide farmers and researchers a platform to share information on soil management through structured research and education.

Conduct on-farm research trials to investigate new and proven soil management strategies to improve soil health.

Facilitate farmer-researcher feedback to identify soil health challenges and refine soil management recommendations/guidelines for dryland systems.

Interested individuals are encouraged to RSVP to Dr. Augustine Obour at aobour@ksu.edu or Joe Kimzey at jgk5335@ksu.edu. You can also RSVP by phone at 785-625-3425.

An “**Integrated Weed Control Management of Herbicide Resistant Weeds**” program will be held on Wednesday, February 19th. Registration at 8:30 a.m. the program starts at 9:00 concludes at 11:30 a.m. followed by a complimentary noon meal. It will be held at American Ag Credit, 5634 10th Street in Great Bend.

Topics of this meeting include:

The role of integrated weed management in controlling difficult weeds.

Managing multiple herbicide-resistant palmer amaranth.

Updates on herbicides and herbicide tolerant traits.

And as always there will be time for Q & A.

Presenters will be Sarah Lancaster and Vipin Kumar, K-State Research & Extension weed control specialists.

Continuing education units for CCA & Commercial Applicators are available.

RSVP is requested for the meal count by Monday, February 17th call Brenda at the Cottonwood Extension Office, Great Bend 620-793-1910 or email bwalton@ksu.edu

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