Ohio Intensive Soybean Management Workshop

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This past crop season was a good year for soybean production across the state. The weather cooperated and yields were high. However with the lower soybean prices, intensive management practices become more important to produce a successful crop. Several OSU Extension state specialists will be spending the day on Thursday, February 21 in Hardin County to share information with farmers in a small group hands-on workshop being held at the OSU Extension office, 1021 W Lima Street in Kenton. The workshop will begin at 9:00 am and conclude by 3:30 pm. This soybean workshop is open to soybean producers from across Ohio.

Topics and presenters for the day-long event include: Soybean Production Management Strategies by Dr. Laura Lindsey, Soybean and Wheat Extension Specialist; Soybean Weed Management Update by Dr. Mark Loux, Extension Weed Specialist; Soybean Disease Management by Dr. Anne Dorrance, Field Crop Extension Pathologist; Breaking yield barriers through soybean breeding and variety trial programs by Dr. Leah McHale, Soybean Breeding and Genetics Specialist; Soybean Insect Management by Dr. Kelley Tilmon, Field Crop Extension Entomologist; and Soybean Fertility Update by Dr. Steve Culman, Soil Fertility Extension Specialist.

Local farmers will want to sign up for this special event as not very often are six OSU Extension state specialists in the same county on the same day. In addition to the presentations throughout the day, participants will receive a soybean management notebook that will include several useful management publications such as: The Ohio Agronomy Guide or Weed Control Guide, Profitable Soybean Disease Management in Ohio, Ohio Corn, Soybean, Wheat, and Alfalfa Guide, and Stink Bug of Ohio Soybean Field Guide. Certified Crop Adviser and other continuing education credits are pending for those who need them. Soybean production questions will be answered, so come prepared to ask questions of these experts to help make your soybean production more profitable.

The registration deadline is Thursday, February 14 and is limited to 25 people due to the hands-on nature of this soybean school. The following link will connect you to online registration: go.osu.edu/hardinsoybean or you can call the Hardin County OSU Extension office at 419-674-2297 to sign-up. There is a class fee of $35.00 per person to participate in this all day workshop that includes lunch, books, and handouts. Make checks payable to OSU Extension – Hardin County and pay at the door the day of the event. Questions can be sent to Mark Badertscher at badertscher.4@osu.edu or by contacting the Extension office.