

Dry bean field day Aug. 24

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Agriculture producers will have the opportunity to get up-to-date on dry bean developments during the Colorado Dry Bean Field Day. Colorado State University and the Colorado Dry Bean Administrative Committee will hold a Dry Bean Field Day at three sites in eastern Colorado on Aug. 24.

The program starts at 8:30 a.m. on a farm near Lucerne. This site features one of the two Colorado dry bean trials featuring 36 different pinto bean varieties and experimental lines from the western United States. The varieties are from Colorado State University, University of Idaho, North Dakota State University and four private seed companies.

Participants will see the newest dry bean varieties, tour research plots and hear the most recent information on agronomic, disease and pest control practices for dry bean production in Colorado.

The Colorado Dry Bean Field Day is an opportunity to view the most recently released varieties in one location in replicated tests. Area Extension agronomists and dry bean Extension specialists from CSU will present brief updates on breeding, pathology, irrigation management and agronomy.

At 10:30 a.m., the field day will move one mile west to the USDA-ARS Limited Irrigation Research Farm to visit bean production and research under drip and limited irrigation. A free lunch will be provided courtesy of Northern Feed and Bean in Lucerne.

After lunch, the field day program will move to Yuma to visit the second Colorado dry bean variety trial. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of Trinidad Benham in Sterling.

The Colorado Dry Bean Field Day is sponsored by CSU Extension, Colorado State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Colorado Dry Bean Administrative Committee.

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