

## Upcoming area wheat and bean programs scheduled

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The annual Wheat Planting Decision Meetings will be held at five locations across northeastern Colorado, Aug. 17-19. The Colorado Wheat Administrative Committee (CWAC) and Colorado Wheat Research Foundation (CWRF) host this annual series of meetings in collaboration with the Colorado State University Wheat Improvement Team.

The Wheat Planting Decision Meetings provide producers with an opportunity to learn about the top wheat varieties from trials across eastern Colorado. They will also gain an appreciation of the advantages of planting certified wheat seed.

Participants will get an update on the CWRF ConAgra Ultragrain® Premium Program, with new hard white winter wheat varieties. Producers growing these varieties can gain a premium in price over hard red varieties. These hard white varieties yield as well as hard red varieties, and they have better baking and milling qualities. A complimentary meal will be served at all locations.

Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting, Community Center, Burlington. Sponsored by CWRF Seed Growers Randy Wilks, Kenny Pottoroff and Tim Stahlecker.

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting, Dry Creek Seed Company Plant near Genoa. Sponsored by Dry Creek Seed Company.

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 12 p.m. lunch meeting, Central Great Plains Research Station near Akron. Sponsored by Bayer CropScience.

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting, Anderson Wheat Farms near Dailey. Sponsored by Anderson Wheat Farms.

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Thursday, Aug. 19, 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting, Midcap Farms near Wiggins. Sponsored by Midcap Seed and Grain.

### Dry Bean Field Day

Colorado State University and the Colorado Dry Bean Administrative Committee will host the Dry Bean Field Day Aug. 24 at three sites in eastern Colorado. Participants will see the newest dry bean varieties, tour research plots and hear the most up-to-date information on agronomic, disease and pest control practices for dry bean production in Colorado.

This site features 36 different pinto bean varieties and experimental lines from throughout the western U.S. The varieties are from Colorado State University, University of Idaho, North Dakota State University and four private seed companies. This is a chance to see the most recently released varieties in one location in replicated tests. Area Agronomists and dry bean Extension Specialists from CSU will present brief updates on breeding, pathology, irrigation management and agronomy.

The Field Day program in eastern Colorado is hosted near Yuma. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of Trinidad Benham, Sterling. It will be held on the Richard Wacker farm. Travel north from Yuma on Hwy 69 one mile to Road 40. Field plots are in the northwest corner of the intersection. GPS coordinates are 40°14'70.6" N and -102°71'71.7" W.

Contact Bruce Bosley about these field days or other cropping systems or natural resources topics in Sterling at 970-522-3200 ext. 285 or in Fort Morgan at 970-542-3540.