The 102nd USDA-ARS Central Great Plains Research Station Field Day event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17 at the Akron Research Station, four miles east of Akron on Highway 34. The day begins at 7:30 a.m.

Come join the field day for an information-packed morning and see and hear what scientists have to share about the latest in dryland research.

This year at the “102nd Research Station Field Day,” there will be two concurrent tours with ARS and CSU scientists making presentations in the field. Dr. Scott Haley with the CSU wheat-breeding project will be a major attraction.

Participants will want to come a little early to register and get in on “The Annual Weather Summary” with Dr. Wayne Shawcroft at 7:50 a.m. Dr. Pat Byrne will follow and will demonstrate the “Extraction of Wheat DNA” at 8:10 am. Special guest speaker this year, Dr. Frank Young, will then share his experiences with dryland canola production from the Pacific Northwest.

Next, Dr. Vigil will share recent residue management research “Enhanced Grain Yields with Stripper Header Stubble Management,” followed by Doug Schmale‘s presentation on “Jointed Goat Grass Control in Wheat Production Systems.” Dr. Francisco Calderon will visit about his research with “Alternative Dryland Legumes.”

Alan Helm will introduce a new crop sequencing experiment. Dr. Joe Benjamin will present “Maintaining Organic C Levels in Irrigated Agriculture,” and Dr. Maysoon Mikha will speak on ”Soil Aggregates and C Sequestration in Long-term Tillage Plots”. All of this, plus CSU’s Dr. Scott Haley, sharing the latest “Winter Wheat Variety Research.”

The first tour starts at 7:50 a.m and ends at 12:30 p.m. when lunch will be provided. The field day is open to anyone interested in dryland research. Continuation Education Units (CEU credits) will be available to certified crop advisors attending the events.

Lunch and promotion for the day is sponsored by the local Cope and Washington County Soil Conservation Districts, CCTA, Citizens National Bank, Dekalb & Asgrow Seeds, Kay-Jan John Deere, Akron M&M Co-op, Triumph Seed, Quality Systems Inc., Wickham Tractor and Bayer Chemical Company, Agri-Inject of Yuma, Becker Underwood, Centennial Ag, NK/Syngneta, Pawnee Buttes Seed Inc, Pioneer Hybrid International and Wagers Seed.