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Annual Beaumont Field Day Set for July 14

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BEAUMONT - "New Technology: Adoption & Benefits" is the theme for the 64th annual field day for Texas AgriLife Research-Beaumont, 1509 Aggie Dr.

The event begins July 14 with field tours at 8 a.m. and an indoor program at 10:45 a.m. Afternoon field tours will begin at 1 p.m.

Dr. Ted Wilson, Center Director, will open the program with an overview of the Center's research. Speakers include Dr. John Greenplate, Monsanto Science Fellow, Monsanto Company; Dr. Johnny Saichuk, Professor, Louisiana State University Ag Center; and Cliff Mock, Texas crop consultant and hybrid rice seed producer, Cliff Mock Crop Consulting. Dr. Greenplate’s presentation will address novel research involving the development of insect, disease and herbicide resistant/tolerant varieties. Dr. Saichuk and Cliff Mock will provide their perspectives on how to manage weeds, insects, and diseases to maximize profitability while minimizing the likelihood of these pests developing resistance to chemical control. In addition, they will discuss how to manage herbicide resistant rice to prolong effectiveness and useful life.

The morning tour stops will showcase recent developments in rice breeding, photosynthesis research focusing on determining methods to improve inbred and hybrid varieties, rice physiology, rice fertility, rice insect and disease management, and rice quality and molecular genetics.

Afternoon tours include organic rice, and biofuels crops.

The event is open to the public at no charge. A barbecue lunch will be provided.

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