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## K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION WHEAT FIELD DAYS

Agricultural producers across the state of Kansas have come to know and expect the research based information provided by K-State Research and Extension, particularly in the field of agronomy. Crop variety plots on K-State's campus, as well as in counties across the state provide valuable "on the ground" data that help producers when making cropping decisions. Cowley County has hosted wheat variety plots for a number of years, providing a wheat field day and variety data to local farmers.

This year, due to a ban on face-to-face events, local field days will not be held. But, this doesn't mean that wheat producers won't have access to valuable information provided by the data gleaned from research test plots.

In a twist on the typical wheat field day that Kansas farmers often attend, K-State Research and Extension will host a two-part wheat field day live on YouTube to update growers and others on the most recent crop advances and challenges while keeping producers safe from COVID-19, said Romulo Lollato, extension wheat specialist.

The May 27-28 Virtual Wheat Field Day 2020, which Lollato said is really two "field evenings," begins at 7 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. each evening. Agriculture Today radio host Eric Atkinson will moderate the program. The format will allow for questions from the audience.

Growers are encouraged to attend one or both evenings on YouTube live at separate links: [May 27 session-https://youtu.be/UnD12IADM3E](https://youtu.be/UnD12IADM3E) and May 28 session- <https://youtu.be/VrF3F2yqJpc>

The program, with each speaker presenting from their own homes, includes:

May 27

- Welcome and introduction – Eric Atkinson, host of Agriculture Today radio show
- State of the 2020 Kansas wheat crop and variety selection in different parts of Kansas – Romulo Lollato, K-State extension agronomist
- Diseases in the 2020 Kansas wheat crop; selecting varieties with disease resistance in mind – Erick DeWolf, K-State plant pathologist
- Variety performance and selection in western Kansas - Lucas Haag, K-State northwest area agronomist
- Introduction: New K-State extension wheat pathologist – Kelsey Andersen
- Discussion panel with questions from the audience – Eric Atkinson

May 28

- Welcome and introduction – Eric Atkinson
- Current and upcoming K-State varieties for central Kansas – Allan Fritz, K-State wheat breeder

- Current and upcoming K-State varieties for western Kansas – Guorong Zhang, K-State wheat breeder
- Variety performance and selection in central Kansas – Stu Duncan, K-State northeast area extension agronomist
- Overview of Kansas Wheat Commission-sponsored research - Aaron Harries, KWC
- Discussion panel with questions from the audience – Eric Atkinson

Additionally, Cowley County producers can visit the Cowley County plot located south of Strother Field, 1/2 mile east of Highway 77 on 232nd Road. Extension Agents in the South Central Counties of Sedgwick, Harvey and Cowley are preparing a virtual plot tour for our local producers with the varieties used in the local plot.

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May 27 K-State Virtual Wheat Field Day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnD12IADM3E&feature=youtu.be>

May 28 K-State Virtual Wheat Field Day:

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