

Sunflower Celebration shows off crop

The Sunflower Celebration, a yearly promotional and educational program for High Plains sunflower growers and businesses, will open at 7 a.m. Friday with rolls and coffee at the 4-H Building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

This year's event has been upgraded to include more presentations and other activities, said Joni Wilson, merchandizer for Northern Sun, and the schedule will run past lunch into the early afternoon.

Congressman Jerry Moran will speak to the group in the morning before they visit the test plots. The test plots at the Steve Evert Farms is on County Road 14 about two miles south of I-70. The other test plot is south of Northern Sun on County Road 14, north of I-70.

After lunch State Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer will speak along with a speaker from National Sunflower Association.

The conference gives sunflower growers the latest information on new varieties, disease and insect patterns. Around 100 growers attended last year.

Sponsors for the program include



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To get to the Sherman County Fairgrounds from K-27, turn east on Eighth Street to Main Avenue. Turn north on Main and go about 10 blocks to the fairgrounds. From I-70 or old U.S. 24, take K-27 north to Eighth.

SCHEDULE

7 a.m. — Sherman County Fair-

grounds, 4-H Building, registration, coffee and rolls.

Introductions.

Speaker, Congressman Jerry Moran (R-Hays) representing the 1st District of Kansas.

8 a.m. — Tours of Steve Evert Farms irrigated plots, sunflower research plots and yield trial plots. Transportation provided. Representatives of seed companies will discuss hybrids featured in the Irrigated Plot

10 a.m. — Tours of High Plains Research and Technology Center dryland plots, sunflower research plots and yield trial plots. Jeanne Falk, K-State Extension agronomist, will talk about no-till sunflowers, Phil Sloderbeck of K-State will talk about insects and what to scout for, and someone will talk about Clearfield and Express tolerant sunflowers.

11:30 a.m. — Lunch, 4-H Building.

12:30 p.m. — Speakers, 4H Building:

Jim Hamilton, U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management State Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer Mike Williams, Red River Commodities

Gary Jorgensen, promotion representative for the High Plains National Sunflower Association

For information, contact Joni Wilson at the Northern Sun/ADM plant in Goodland by e-mail at joni_wilson@admworld.com or call (800) 542-7333; the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce at gdchmbr@eaglecom.net or (785) 899-7130 or Jeanne Falk at Kansas State Research and Extension at jfalk@ksu.edu or (785) 443-3403.

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