



2020 CROP DIAGNOSTIC WEEK

A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP TO ADVANCE YOUR AGRONOMIC KNOWLEDGE.

Crop Diagnostic Week will be delivered via an online format this year. This virtual workshop will provide an opportunity for in-depth learning for agronomists and producers to improve crop scouting skills and further your agronomic knowledge. This free on-line event will be held the mornings of July 27 to 30, 2020.

This year's topics include:

Weed Identification – Work on improving your weed identification skills! Experts will be available to help you improve your identification of commonly found and misidentified broadleaf and grassy weeds in the field. Learn more about how plants share family characteristics that can help you more quickly identify unknown plants in the field.

Pesticide Mixing Order Demo – Doug Fehr will demonstrate and discuss proper pesticide mixing. He will cover the importance of proper mixing order, adjuvants for “emergency” fixing of mixing issues, poor water sources and how to manage them for pesticide use and much more.

Tank Cleanout Demonstration – Improperly cleaned sprayer tanks can leave behind herbicide residue that can be harmful to your crops. Join us for an online tour with provincial weeds specialist, Clark Brenzil to see effects on canola plots sprayed with different residue rates of a Group 2 herbicide.

Soil Profiles, Nutrient Deficiencies and Phosphorous Fertility – Curious about soils? Angela Bedard-Haughn and Jeff Schoenau will be on hand to discuss soil profiles and how to diagnose nutrient deficiencies. Gary Kruger will also demonstrate safe rates of seed placed phosphorous and discuss the effects of exceeding these rates relative to side banding for pea and canola.

To spray or not to spray? – The first step is to identify the problem. Learn how to identify disease in pulses and cereals and what diagnostic tests are available. Spray now or spray later? Learn when you need to spray before you see symptoms, when to spray when you do see symptoms and when not to spray at all.

Intercropping – Various outside-the-box crops will be showcased in this session on intercrops. Join Bill May, Terry Kowalchuk and Lana Shaw as they focus on crops that can be easily grown in the province. Intercrop selections will include forage corn and soybeans, hybrid brown mustard, maple and marrow fat peas, tillage radish, buckwheat, spelt, kamut, red proso millet, teff, Japanese and golden German millet and more.

Who let the bugs out? – How do experts classify insects? How do you know which grasshopper is a pest and which is not? Join Tyler Wist, Meghan Vankosky, James Tansey and Kaeley Kindrachuk as they explain what to look for when classifying insect pests and beneficial insects found in Saskatchewan.

Pre-Harvest Appraisal Demo – Learn how to perform a pre-harvest yield appraisal. Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation's experts will provide an in-depth opportunity to learn how yield appraisals are done and how you can use this process on your own farm.

Additional Details:

Registration is free. The event will be held in approximately one-to-two hour sessions each morning. Links to access the content will be emailed out prior to the live event.

Crop Diagnostic handbooks will be available for purchase for \$35 (including taxes and shipping). There is a limited number of printed copies available so please purchase early to ensure you receive one. We will not be able to provide electronic copies at this time due to copyright law. The handbook can only be purchased online and will be mailed out to you at the end of July.

Sweep nets will not be for sale this year but can be purchased directly from Pro Metal Industries in Regina at www.prometal.ca or 306-525-6710.

Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) are pending for Certified Crop Advisors.

Registration:

To register, purchase a handbook or for more details, please visit www.prairiecca.ca and follow the link under the Crop Diagnostic School 2020.

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