

Bluestem Breezes
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Soybean Production School

Winter months are well known for offering a plethora of professional development opportunities for many of us in agriculture. For most of us, we more simply refer to those as meetings, schools, or workshops.

Education is so very important. And, continuing that education is just as important! I encourage you to spend a few hours this winter and treat yourself to professional development. Included below is a January production school focusing on soybeans. In future weeks, keep an eye out for information in news releases and this column as we promote additional professional development opportunities focused on cattle management, transition planning, women in agriculture, and other topics.

A series of four K-State Soybean Production Schools will be offered in late February of 2014 to provide in-depth training targeted for soybean producers and key-stakeholders. The schools will be held at four locations around the state. The schools will be sponsored by Kansas Soybean Commission and supported by The Climate Corporation, BASF, DuPont, and KFRM radio station.

The one-day schools will cover a number of issues facing soybean growers: irrigation management; weed control strategies; crop production practices, nutrient and soil fertility, insect, and disease management.

The final dates and specific locations have been set. The focus of the Soybean Schools will be in east central, southeast, north central, and south central Kansas.

- Feb. 24 – Topeka – Washburn Tech Conference Center
- Feb. 25 – Pittsburg – Memorial Auditorium
- Feb. 27 – Concordia – Cloud County Community College
- Feb. 28 – Newton – Meridian Center

Certification credits will be offered (CCA Credits). More information on this specific point as well as related to the final program for each Soybean School may be obtained by contacting Crop Specialists Ignacio Ciampitti (ciampitti@ksu.edu) and Doug Shoup (dshoup@ksu.edu).

Further information on upcoming professional development is available by visiting the Extension Office (215 Kansas, Courthouse, Alma; kamayer@ksu.edu; 765-3821). For Bluestem Breezes archives, check out wabaunsee.ksu.edu.