West Snyder Wins SUN Area FFA Forestry CDE

BEAVER SPRINGS (Snyder Co.) — In October, the West Snyder FFA Chapter hosted the SUN Area FFA land judging and forestry career development events.

Placing first and earning a blue ribbon in the forestry CDE was Derek Fetterolf from West Snyder FFA Chapter.

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Other West Snyder FFA members who participated in-cluded James Wright and Brandon Herman, who were awarded red ribbons for their efforts.

Pheadra Wray and Laura Knepp won white ribbons.

In the forestry CDE, students had to take a written test on their general knowledge of forestry, identify various trees and forestry equipment, and make recommendations to improve timber stands.

In the land judging CDE, members had to determine the physical characteristics of the soil, such as depth and texture and then use that information to recommend an approved land use. This event was conducted at four sites.

Heather Hollenbach earned a red ribbon on the area level and placed third in Snyder County. Melissa McWilliams, Doug Hollenbach, and Lance Herman won white ribbons in the SUN area event.



West Snyder FFA members who participated in the SUN Area FFA Forestry CDE included, front, from left, Laura Knepp and Phaedra Wray. Back, from left, Brandon Herman, James Wright, and Derek Fetterolf.





Members of the 2000-2001 West Snyder FFA Land Judging Team included, from left, Doug Hollenbach, Melissa McWilliams, Heather Hollenbach, and Lance Herman.

Ohio Regional Agronomy Meetings

COLUMBUS, Ohio --- Managing Phytophthora infections in soybean fields is among the hot production topics that will be addressed at Ohio State University's regional agronomy meetings, Dec. 18-Jan. 18, at sites around the state.

Last spring, Ohio growers re-

more. "There's been a change in the planted 20-30 percent of their soybeans because of phytophthora damping off, said OSU

plant pathologist Anne Dor-

rance, one of the speakers for

the meetings. Farmers noticed

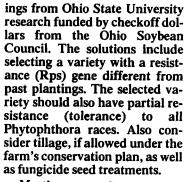
that sovbean varieties that were

once effective against the dis-

ease weren't doing the job any-

populations of Phytophthora pathogens," Dorrance said. "Phytophthora has been identified in a large number of fields planted in soybeans with the 1K-resistant gene."

Dorrance and plant pathologist Pat Lipps will present find-

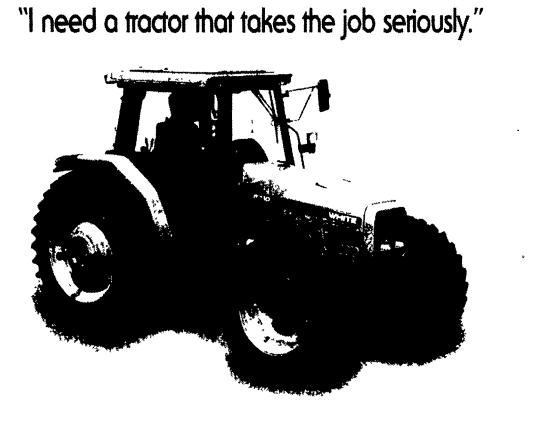


Meetings coordinator Greg LaBarge, OSU extension agent for Fulton County, said other speakers were selected based on the problems farmers faced in their local areas. A few of the wide array of topics include soil nutrient management, strip tillage and conservation tillage, new pest problems and their management.

Preregistration is \$15 for individuals registering seven days before the meeting date. Registration at the door is \$20, space permitting. The registration includes meal and a copy of the proceedings that includes summaries of speakers' research findings.

Those attending will also be eligible for commercial and private pesticide applicator credits as well as certified crop adviser credits.

For more information or to preregister, call the contact numbers for meeting sites: Dec. 18, Fremont, PK's Banquet Hall (419) 334-6340; Dec. 19, Paulding, OSU Extension Center (419) 399-8225; Dec. 19, Celina, Wright State University Lake Campus (419) 586-2179; Dec. 20, Wilmot, Amish Door Restaurant (330) 497-1611; Dec. 21, Williamsfield, Community Center (440) 576-9008; Jan. 16, Mount Vernon, Dan Emmett Conference Center (740) 397-0401; Jan. 16, Plain City, Der Dutchman Restaurant (937) 644-8117; and Jan. 18, Piketon, OSU Extension Center (740) 947-2121.



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