

Early bird meeting is Thursday, December 8 at Sedalia

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Planning for the coming growing season is an important but sometimes challenging task for producers of grain crops. University of Kentucky College of Agriculture specialists will offer their advice to help growers wade through the decision-making process during a meeting at Sedalia Restaurant on Thursday, December 8 beginning at 9am and ending around 2 p.m.

To help producers get the most from their pre-pay dollars, UK specialists will be discussing fertilizer strategies, marketing strategies and the crop profitability outlook for 2012. They will also discuss important crop production issues for the upcoming season including refuge in a bag, Western corn rootworms, invasive stinkbugs, resistant weeds, narrow-row corn, high plant populations, kitchen sink soybeans, soybean cyst nematode and corn seed treatments.

At lunch, Jennifer Rogers, KY Farm Business Management specialist will make a presentation on the 2011 tax situation. The meal will be sponsored by the Kentucky Corn Growers Association, Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association and the Kentucky Soybean Board.

Event organizers have applied for 3.5 continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisors, including 0.5 in nutrient management and 1 each in pest management, crop management and professional development. The event is approved for 1 general and 1 specific hour each for pesticide applicators in categories 1A, 10 and 12.

For more information, visit the UK Grain Crops Extension website at <http://www.uky.edu/Ag/GrainCrops/Briefs/EarlyBird2011.htm> or call Kenny Perry at the Graves County Extension Office at 270-247-2334.

Updated Corn, Soybean and Weed Publications Available

The 2011 Corn and Soybean Variety Performance Tests are now available in hard copy at the Graves County Extension Office or online from the UK Grain Crops Website at www.uky.edu/Ag/GrainCrops under "Timely Resources". There will be copies of these publications as well as the 2012 Weed Control Recommendations book available at the Early Bird Meeting.

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