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Small Grain and Forage Field Tours

University of California Cooperative Extension will provide two opportunities for local growers to meet with Extension Specialists, researchers, Farm Advisors, and industry to assess Central California's Cereal and Alfalfa Forage Varieties and disease tolerance for 2009. In addition, switchgrass, biofuel, dry beans, and in-line sprinkler irrigation research will be presented at the Westside Research and Extension Station.

Session one will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at Milky Way Dairy, north of Visalia, California, including a complimentary breakfast sponsored by RSI and Penny-Newman. Wheat and triticale varieties for forage will be seen on a large scale. Trial results from the last two seasons, weed control, and rust management will be discussed by Farm Advisor Steve Wright, Tulare County UC Cooperative Extension, and industry representatives Gene Askland and Jim Kautz.

Session two will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at the University's Westside Research and Extension Station, 17353 West Oakland, Five Points, California, where presenters Dr. Jeff Mitchell, Dan Munk, and Dr. Shannon Mueller will discuss issues of concern and answer growers' questions. This year's Alfalfa Variety trial will be reviewed by Drs. Dan Putnam and Shannon Mueller of Fresno County Cooperative Extension. Growers will be able to observe Wheat (common and durum), triticale, and barley variety trials, and to observe a nitrogen study with seed treated with rizobium and a fungicide study in wheat, presented by Farm Advisor Steve Wright of Tulare County Cooperative Extension; Phil Mayo, UC Davis, and industry representatives. The session concludes with lunch sponsored by RSI and Penny-Newman.

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