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**MSU field days to feature research trials benefiting agriculture**

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- Michigan State University (MSU) AgBioResearch is inviting the public to tour several of its research facilities across Michigan this summer. The organization’s annual field days, conducted June through September, will highlight some of the current research projects benefiting the Michigan agriculture industry.

The events provide an opportunity for visitors to listen to and speak with some of the MSU scientists and Extension educators affiliated with research projects at the centers.

* The **Kellogg Biological Station (KBS)** will host an open house at the Pasture Dairy Center June 9. Learn about the birds of Michigan’s agricultural landscapes and talk with the pasture dairy staff about the center’s robotic milking machines and sustainable dairy practices. Wagon tours start at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. The center is located at 10461 40th St. in Hickory Corners. Please call 269-671-5117 for further information.
* The **Clarksville Research Center** will host a field day June 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. that will highlight the center’s ongoing high-impact specialty crop research and host an equipment show. MSU researchers will offer an orchard pest and disease walk. The center is located at 9302 Portland Road in Clarksville. Please call 616-693-2193 for further information.
* **KBS** will also host a pasture-based cheese open house July 14 and 15 from 4 to 8 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the cheese-making process and sample KBS dairy’s pasture-based cheese along with other cheeses from the MSU Dairy Store. The center is located at 10461 40th St. in Hickory Corners. Please call 269-671-5117 for further information.
* The **Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center** Field Day will take place July 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. Visitors will spend the morning touring the North Farm’s farm incubator and hoophouses. In the afternoon, visitors will move to the South Farm, where they’ll receive updates on the center’s systems projects, rainfall simulator and research plots, including the results of malting barley and forage variety trials. MSU faculty and center staff members will be on hand to answer questions. The center is located at E3774 University Drive in Chatham. Please call 906-439-5114 for further information.
* The **Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center** will host the 26th annual MSU Viticulture Field Day July 29. Details will be announced later. The center is located at 1791 Hillandale Road in Benton Harbor. Please call 269-944-1477 for further information.
* The **Montcalm Research Center** field day is scheduled for Aug. 6. Details on the event will be released later. The center is located at 4629 W. McBrides Road in Lakeview. Please call 989-365-3473 for further information.
* The **Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center** will host a field day Aug. 26 beginning at 8 a.m., with tours of the sugarbeet and dry bean research plots beginning at 9 a.m. The center is located at 3775 S. Reese Road in Frankenmuth. Please call 989-652-8014 for further information.
* The **Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Center** will have an open house and equipment show Aug. 27. The event is sponsored by MSU AgBioResearch, MSU Extension, the Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Foundation and the Leelanau Horticultural Society. The center is located at 6686 S. Center Highway in Traverse City. Please call 231-946-1510 for further information.
* The **Lake City Research Center** will host the National Grassfed Exchange Sept. 16-18, an event that attracts attendees from across the United States. A tour of the center Sept. 16 precedes two days of educational presentations covering a variety of topics related to the grassfed beef industry in Mt. Pleasant Sept. 17 and 18. The center is located at 5401 W. Jennings Road in Lake City. Please call 231-839-4608 for further information.
* The **Trevor Nichols Research Center** will host a research field day and Extension event Sept. 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. The field day will focus on insect and disease research and pesticide efficacy trials conducted by MSU AgBioResearch scientists Larry Gut, Rufus Isaacs, Annemiek Schilder, George Sundin and John Wise. The center is located at 6237 124th Ave. in Fennville. Please call 269-561-5040 for further information.

MSU AgBioResearch has a network of 13 outlying research centers across the state. The centers are strategically located to allow for research with various types of soils, elevations and climates in the regions and the commodities produced there. To learn more about the centers, please visit <http://agbioresearch.msu.edu/centers>.

Further information about the field day events will be available as plans are finalized. Updated information can be found on the MSU AgBioResearch events calendar, <http://agbioresearch.msu.edu>.

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