



Cover Crop Field Day at K-State HB Ranch

Friday, May 25, 2018 at 9:30 AM



Project Description: Cropping system diversification utilizing cover crops can provide several benefits. These include improving soil quality, nutrient cycling, weeds and pest suppression, and reduced wind erosion. Cover crop adoption is not widely popular in water-limited environments because cover crops utilize water that otherwise would be available to the subsequent cash crop. Harvesting cover crops for forage can help offset loss in revenue associated with decreases in wheat yield and increase profitability. During this field day and tour, Kansas State University researchers will discuss ongoing research efforts at HB Ranch evaluating cover crop management options in dryland wheat-based production system.

Field Day Location & Directions: Take exit 135/Ogallala on I-70 and go south on Hwy 147, HB is located about 4 miles south of Cedar Bluff on HWY 147. From Brownell, KS drive 5 miles north on HWY 147 (Smoky Valley Scenic Byway).

Agenda

9:30 AM	Welcome	
10:00 AM	K-state cover crop research update	Speaker: John Holman
10:20 AM	Tour cover crop plots at HB Ranch	Speaker: Augustine Obour
11:35 AM	On-farm cover crop research update	Speaker: Meagan Schipanski
12:00	Lunch	
12:35	Cove crops and beneficial insects	Speaker: J. P. Michaud
1:00 PM	Cover crops & Soil Health	Speaker: Dale Younker
1:30 PM	Grazing cover crops	Speaker: Sandy Johnson

Please RSVP by May 22 to Milissa at 785-625-3425 or email to
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