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Sorghum Connection Field Day Series Returns in 2025

MANHATTAN, Kan. (July 15, 2025) – The Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, K-State Department of Plant Pathology, and K-State Research and Extension will host the 2025 Sorghum Connection field day series in August. The series will showcase current research on fungicides and seed treatment, hybrid performance, cropping systems, fertility management, and hands-on precision ag techniques with drone technology for mapping and spraying applications through a statewide lineup of speakers and on-farm demonstrations. This year's field day series includes three events across Central and Western Kansas:

Bavaria Field Day, held in conjunction with producer Alex Bacon – Aug. 27 at 10 a.m.
(1½ miles west of Bavaria, then ¾ mile north on South Powers Road)

Russell Field Day, held in conjunction with producer Michael Anschutz – Aug. 28 at 10 a.m.
(9 miles south of Russell on Winterset Road, then ½ mile east of Highway 281)

Dighton Field Day, held in conjunction with producer Andy Hineman – Aug. 29 at 10 a.m.
(6 miles south of Dighton, then 1 mile east at the intersection of Longhorn Road and Road 90)

Lunch will be provided following the program. The events are free, but to ensure your meal, registration is required at www.ksgrainsorghum.org/sorghum-connection.

“At each location, sorghum producers will find practical insights rooted in real data,” said Rodrigo Onofre, assistant professor of agronomy at Kansas State University. “We’ve built this series around producer interests—covering everything from hybrid and input selection to regional management strategies and on-farm technology adoption.”

Speakers include Adam York, administrator for the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission; Sarah Sexton-Bowser, managing director for the Center for Sorghum Improvement; Deepak Joshi, K-State assistant professor of precision agriculture; and agronomists Tina Sullivan, Logan Simon, and Rodrigo Onofre.

“Your Sorghum Connection Team is extremely excited to bring the series back for 2025,” said Maddy Meier, director of communications and outreach for the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission. “This series reflects input directly from Kansas farmers and is designed to be as practical and boots-on-the-ground as it gets.”