I am pleased to introduce the fifth edition of the Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station (WAES) Field Days Bulletin. The FDB is one of several vehicles WAES uses to disseminate results of its field investigations to the public. This bulletin contributes to our efforts to inform Wyoming citizens and others of the research being conducted at the four WAES Research and Extension (R&E) centers, by members of the University of Wyoming College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as well as others who have received funding from WAES.

Field Days
WAES works with its affiliated R&E centers to support hosting of field days throughout the summer months. This year’s field days are July 14 at the Sheridan R&E Center, July 16 at Powell R&E Center, August 20 at the James C. Hageman Sustainable Agriculture R&E Center (SAREC) near Lingle, and August 27 at Laramie R&E Center. Attendees learn about accomplishments and experiments being conducted at the centers and other locations in Wyoming through a combination of field tours, presentations, and displays. Participants of the field days will find themselves learning about new activities occurring on the centers as well as research projects in various stages.

Field Day Hosts
Directors of each R&E Center serve as hosts for their respective field days. There is nearly a whole new line-up of hosts for this year’s field days. The Sheridan R&E Center event will be overseen by Brian Mealor, who began serving as director of that center on May 18, 2015. John Tanaka is hosting this year’s field day at Powell. He took the helm as associate director of WAES before Gary Moss retired the end of May. John will provide administrative support for the Powell center until a co-director of the Wyoming State Seed Laboratory and Powell R&E Center is hired. The long-time host of SAREC’s field day, Jim Freeburn, has refocused his career solely on his role as coordinator of the Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education’s Professional Development Program. Therefore, John Tanaka will lead the SAREC event. John will spend 60% of his effort as director of SAREC starting July 1, 2015. Lastly, now the longest standing R&E Center director, Doug Zalesky, will preside over our final field day of the season at the Laramie R&E Center.

WAES Field Days Bulletin
WAES publishes the Field Days Bulletin in an effort to make our constituents aware of research and other activities being conducted at
the R&E centers and other locations in Wyoming, including on-farm trials. This annual publication is a collection of reports that summarize experiments and other activities in a standardized, simple format that is reader-friendly. The bulletin is not intended to be a comprehensive report of each experiment, so author contact information is provided with each article for those readers who wish to receive more in-depth information about a particular topic.

**Linking to the Production Agriculture Research Priorities**

Beginning with the 2014 WAES *Field Days Bulletin*, when relevant, authors have indicated which of the Wyoming Production Agriculture Research Priorities (PARP) is/are addressed in their report. With extraordinary input from numerous producers (refer to last year’s introduction to the *Field Days Bulletin*), PARP was developed to document agriculture research needs in Wyoming. The latest version of PARP is included in the appendix at the end of this edition of the *Field Days Bulletin*. Readers are encouraged to keep on the lookout for changes to the electronic copy of PARP located on the WAES webpage under “Important Links” at www.uwyo.edu/uwexpstn/ as we continuously revise the document according to new input we receive. Input was gathered last year during a series of listening sessions throughout northwest Wyoming that WAES held in conjunction with the Powell R&E Center and UW Extension. Readers also should feel free to contact WAES (aes@uwyo.edu) if they have suggestions for PARP objectives not currently listed.

The *Field Days Bulletin* is not the only place that we have begun linking the PARP document to our research activities. Researchers in the college are now asked to volunteer which PARP is/are addressed in all of their research publications when they submit their annual report on accomplishments. Peer-reviewed research papers listed in the 2014 Faculty Refereed Publications, for example, reference PARP. The list is available at www.uwyo.edu/uwexpstn/publications. Scroll to the lower middle of the page to find the link. The WAES effort to link to PARP will not only help demonstrate how researchers are responding to Wyoming’s production agriculture needs, but will also help identify areas that require more attention.

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