

Twilight Field Day at MCCC Student Ag Farm
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A Twilight Field Crop Field Day will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at the Monroe County Community College (MCCC) Student Ag Farm. MCCC is located at 1555 South Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161. The Student Ag Farm is just north of campus and persons should take the gravel driveway to the parking lot and the tent. There will be signage at the site directing traffic.

This event will begin with a porkburger supper, “with all the trimmings” at 6:00pm to be followed by a walking tour and presentations of three MSU corn and soybean projects, ending at 8:30pm. The event will be held rain or shine with a tent, tables and chairs and porta john and handwashing station on site.

This event is free of charge to all area farmers and others interested in agriculture and sponsored by the Agriculture Advisory Council, the Monroe County Farm Bureau, the Michigan Soybean Committee, the Monroe Conservation District and MCCC. Reservations are requested for a meal count and can be made to the Monroe Conservation District by phone at 734-241-8540. The deadline for reservations is Monday, June 21, 2021.

Projects toured include an early planting versus late planting soybean project by Dr. Manni Singh, a cover crop and soybean nematode suppression project by Dr. George Bird and corn, soybean and cover crop nematode projects by Drs. Marisol Quintanilla and Sita Thapa.

Other projects at the Student Ag Farm in 2021 include; a TePee malting barley project by Independent Barley and Malts of Litchfield, Michigan, a Golden Harvest corn variety demonstration plot, and sunflower, ornamental corn and Mum fund raiser project by the Collegiate Farm Bureau FFA Student Ag Club. Additionally, numerous fruit and vegetables planted will be donated to MCOP and the new Monroe Market operated by the Oaks of Righteousness Church.

Two pesticide re-certification credits, CCA credits and MAEAP Phase I credit will be requested. As of June 3, all updated MCCC Covid safety protocols will be followed, which means that fully vaccinated persons no longer need to wear a mask and distancing is not required. For more information, contact Ned Birkey at: birkey@msu.edu or 734-260-3442.