

Cultivating Agronomists



CORE

Farmer Program Crop Observation & Research Education

Kentucky Corn Growers Association is accepting applications for Class II of its CORE Farmer Program. This course is designed to increase fundamental agronomy knowledge among Kentucky grain farmers. All lessons are focused on maximizing the long-term viability of family farms through crop management techniques, localized attention to agronomy detail and peer relationships.

The curriculum consists of six sessions, usually lasting 2-3 days each. Participants can expect a total time commitment of 15-20 days away from the farm over a 14-month period. Agronomy information will be presented by the very best that the U.S. corn industry provides. The material will be in-depth, challenging and rewarding. The friendships developed among classmates will last a lifetime.

A registration fee of \$150 is required upon enrollment. The fee will be waived for KyCGA Lifetime Members. All other costs will be covered by Kentucky Corn Growers Association. The class will be 15 grain farmers selected from applications and telephone interviews.

Applications should be submitted by May 30, 2011. Telephone interviews will be conducted in June. Participants will be selected and notified in July. Primary selection criteria will be applicants' desire and ability to participate and contribute during all learning sessions. Diversity among farm size, geographic location and agronomy background will be sought as well.

Tentative Curriculum

Session 1- December 2011

Location: Ky Dam Village State Park
Topic: Agronomy Overview
Presenter: John McGillicuddy

Session 2 – January 2012

Location: Murray, KY
Topic: Seed Placement
Presenters: Gregg Sauder

Session 3 – February 2012

Location: Louisville, KY
Topic: Precision Technology
Presenters: Dr. Scott Shearer

Session 4 – August 2012

Location: Princeton, KY
Topic: In-Field Demonstrations
Presenters: Dr. Chad Lee & Phil Needam

Session 5 – December 2012

Location: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska
Topic: Corn Belt Bus Tour
Presenters: various agribusiness experts

Session 6 – January 2013

Location: Bowling Green, KY
Topic: Creating On-Farm Research
Presenters: Dr. Chad Lee & Richard Preston

Application period ends May 30, 2011.

Call 800-326-0906 for more information.

Applications can be found at www.kycorn.org.