Faculty and Staff Recognition

Jianxin Ma, soybean geneticist, led a team that has identified two genes within the soybean genome that are highly resistant to a soil borne pathogen that causes Phytophthora root and stem rot. For more information visit: http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2013/Q3/researchers-discover-genes-resistant-to-soybean-pathogen.html

Updates in Agronomy

Welcome to Agronomy

Jenny Kelly, Administrative Assistant to the Department Head, joined the Agronomy Department at the beginning of July. She has been with Purdue University since 2007 and has extensive experience with many areas of campus. We are excited she has joined Purdue Agronomy.

Mary Wise, Business Office Clerk, joined Purdue Agronomy at the beginning of July. She worked in the College of Agriculture Business Office since 1990. With over 35 years of Purdue experience, we are glad to welcome her to Purdue Agronomy.
2013 Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day

On Tuesday, July 9th 2013 the Purdue Turf Program and the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation hosted the Turf and Landscape Field Day. The Turf and Landscape Field Day is Indiana’s largest green industry field day. A first at this year’s field day was the addition of landscape research tours, where specialists from four different departments in the College of Agriculture shared their findings and recommendations to Green Industry professionals. It was a great opportunity for those attending to receive education, research updates, product updates from the exhibitors, and also a great opportunity to network with others in the Green Industry. The field day featured 38 exhibitors representing companies from around the region ranging the gamut from equipment, seed, fertilizers, pesticides, landscape plants, hardscape and more. The 474 attendees where mostly from Indiana and all its surrounding states but many national representatives were also there from various companies to learn more about Purdue’s latest green industry research. Attendees came from a variety of backgrounds including business owners, managers and staff of wholesale and retail nurseries, landscape management firms, greenhouse growers, golf course superintendents and staff, lawn care companies, grounds maintenance departments, landscape design and installation firms, garden centers, consulting firms, educational institutions, suppliers and more! This year’s field day provided three morning research tours and four afternoon tours including a popular field trip to Purdue Horticulture Gardens. Sixteen different speakers were at the field day including Purdue faculty/staff from Agronomy, Botany and Plant Pathology, Entomology, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, and Forestry and Natural Resources. The field day was a success again this year and continues to be a leading provider of information and education among the Midwest turf professionals and the Green Industry. Mark your calendars for next year’s Turf and Landscape Field Day, July 15, 2014.
First Annual Soybean Showcase

The first annual Soybean Showcase was held on July 26th at the Purdue Agronomy Center for Research and Education. The goal of this showcase was to bring industry professionals and academia researchers together to discuss the progress of the soybean industry. Six field stops were offered with topics ranging from managing SCN and SDS with host resistance, genetic yield potential, translational genetics, history and future of soybeans, genetics of seed composition and advancing soybeans for production for 72 years. After lunch a graduate student poster session was highlighted. To conclude the day two focused discussion sessions were held. The day was sponsored by Indian Crop Improvement Association, Indiana Soybean Alliance, Ag Alumni Seed and the Purdue Soybean Scientists.

Purdue Day at the Indiana State Fair

August 9th is Purdue Day at the Indiana State Fair. Purdue Agronomy will have a booth, displaying different types of corn. If you are attending the state fair and would like transportation from campus to the State Fair, sign up here: http://www.purdue.edu/giving/events/Indiana_State_Fair/bus-signup.html. If you would like to volunteer at the Agronomy booth please contact Sayde Uerkwitz at suerkwit@purdue.edu or Sherry Fulk-Bringman at sherryfb@purdue.edu