Meeting Purpose

The new Michigan Wheat Program and MSU Extension are teaming together to bring a program to help wheat growers achieve greater profitability. This year’s emphasis is on wheat establishment from a consultant’s (Phil Needham) perspective. However, disease, weed and nitrogen management will also be discussed. In addition, attendees will hear from their new wheat check-off board and will have the opportunity to provide input.

This program was made possible through the contributions of the MI Wheat Program, MI Crop Improvement Assn. Project GREEEN and MSU Extension.

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Program

Registration (9:00-9:30 a.m.)

Welcome and introductions (9:30 a.m.)

Michigan Wheat Program: establishing MI’s check-off program
  Board representative, MWP and Bob Boehm, MFB

Informational resources for growers
  Martin Nagelkirk, MSU Extension

Wheat establishment: A key to achieving higher yields
  Phil Needham, Needham Ag Technologies

Fungicide use and strategies
  William Kirk, MSU Plant Pathology Dept.

Lunch, buffet

Steps to improving wheat yields and profits
  Phil Needham, Needham Ag Inc, Calhoun, Kentucky

Weed management
  Gary Powell, MSU Research Technician

Nitrogen fertilization strategies
  Edwin Lentz, Ohio State University

Concluding remarks (2:45 p.m.)
  Martin Nagelkirk, MSU Extension

Check one:

Mon, Feb 27 at Mt Pleasant
Tues, Feb 28 at Dundee

Preregistration Form: mail this form and $25 check by Feb 17
To: MSU Extension, 37 Austin St., Sandusky, MI 48471

First Name  Last Name  Address  City  State  Zip

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Make check payable to MSU Extension
Featured presenter

Phil Needham, Owner, Needham Ag Technologies, LLC www.needhamag.com

Phil Needham is the owner of Needham Ag Technologies, LLC., a family owned agribusiness and agronomic consulting company based near Calhoun, KY. Needham is a native of Great Britain and holds a diploma in agriculture and an honors degree in agricultural technology from Cranfield University in England.

Needham grew up on his family farm where wheat yields between 130 and 200 bu/ac are common. He first visited the USA in 1989 and joined Miles Enterprises (based in Owensboro, KY) as an agronomist in 1990. Needham was promoted to Opti-Crop (a division within Miles Enterprises) Manager in 1996, where he managed a team of crop consultants and crop management projects from Texas to Manitoba and from Virginia to Washington State.

Needham has written 4 different intensive wheat management guides for winter and spring wheat. He is an energetic and thought provoking speaker who presented many of the different elements of wheat production at numerous conferences across the country and around the world. Phil also writes an agronomy column for Farm Journal Magazine.

Michigan Wheat Grower Meetings 2012

Monday, February 27, 2012
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Comfort Inn and Suites  
2424 South Mission, Mt Pleasant, MI

Tuesday, February 28, 2012
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Cabela’s  
110 Cabela Blvd  
Dundee, MI

RUP and CCA credits offered.  
Preregistration required.  
$25 per person.