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South Plains Hosts Six Peanut Field Days, July 22-24

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LUBBOCK – Farmers can get a hands-on look at peanut production on the South Plains during a series of peanut farm and education tours set for July 22-24.

“Some of the topics we will cover include narrow and twin-row peanut production, Spanish peanuts, Rhizobium nodulation, and insect, weed, and disease problems,” said Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist based at Lubbock. “Exact topics will vary county by county, but these tours will provide producers a chance to discuss production problems and issues with Extension specialists and researchers who work with peanuts every year.”

Todd Baughman, Extension agronomist at Vernon, and Chip Lee, Extension peanut plant pathologist at Stephenville, will join Trostle as featured speakers on these tours. Texas Tech and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researchers will also provide information at some the tours. In addition, Extension Integrated Pest Management (IPM) agents will also be on hand to discuss pest management considerations.

Those who attend will qualify to earn several Continuing Education Units (CEU’s).

The peanut tour schedule includes these meetings:

- **July 22** -- Dawson County; runs from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tour meets at Dawson County Community Building (South 8th and Houston) in Lamesa. Texas Cooperative Extension speakers include Todd Baughman, Peter Dotray, Chip Lee, and Calvin Trostle. Lunch will be provided. Two CEU’s available. Contact: John Farris, 806-872-3444.
- **July 22** -- Crosby & Lubbock Counties; begins at 2 p.m.. Turnrow meeting at Brad Aycock farm in southwest Crosby County, near the Robertson community. From Lubbock travel east on FM 40 to the gin at FM 378, then proceed 1 mile north, then 1 mile east. Speakers include Baughman, Dotray, Lee, Trostle. One CEU available. Contacts: Steve Young, Crosby County, 806-675-2347; Mark Brown, Lubbock County, 806-767-1190.:
- **July 23** -- Terry & Yoakum Counties; runs from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Meet at Enoch Stewart Party House; 1 mile north of U.S. 82/380 on TX 137 in Brownfield. Speakers include Baughman, Lee, Terry Wheeler, and Michael Francke, J. Leek & Associates. Two CEU’s available. Contacts: Jerry Warren, Terry County, 806-637-4060; Arlen Gentry, Yoakum County, 806-456-2263.
- **July 23** -- Lamb & Bailey Counties; runs from 3 to 5 p.m. Meet at Farmer's Co-op, one half mile east of U.S. 84 on FM 303 in Sudan. Speakers include Lee, Trostle, and Mike Schubert. One and ½ CEU’s available. Contacts: Kent Lewis, Lamb County, 806-385-4222; Curtis Preston, Bailey County, 806-272-4583.

- **July 24** -- Gaines County; runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the Gaines County Civic Building, 402 NW 5th in Seminole. Speakers include Baughman, Lee, and Trostle. Lunch will be provided. CEU's are pending. Contact: Terry Millican, 432-758-4006.
- **July 24** -- Hockley & Cochran Counties; runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Meet at the Alexander Farm: from southwest Levelland, at the intersection of U.S. 385 and FM 300, travel southwest, then west 2 miles on FM 300, and then south 0.6 miles on Black Gold Road. Speakers include Baughman, Lee, Trostle, and Kerry Siders, Extension IPM agent. Refreshments will be provided. CEU's are pending. Contact: Chris Edens, 806-894-3159.

“Those who are late, or go astray, can call 806-777-0247 to get the current location of any of these field tours,” Trostle concluded.

Persons wanting more information on South Plains peanut production can call Trostle at 806-746-6101, visit with their local county Extension agent, or visit <http://lubbock.tamu.edu> on the Internet.