

Aberdeen Plant Materials Center to Host Field Day

The Natural Resources Conservation Service Plant Materials Center located at Aberdeen, ID invites the public to attend a field day on June 21, 1995.

The Plant Materials Center at Aberdeen is part of a national plant materials program operated by the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service). The purpose of the Plant Materials Center is to assemble, evaluate and release new plant materials for conservation use and to develop new techniques for establishment of conservation plants. The Aberdeen Plant Materials Center was established in 1939 and has been the primary breeder and releasing organization for 15 cultivars and a cooperator in the release of 12 additional cultivars. The Plant Materials Center serves portions of Nevada, Utah, California, Oregon and southern Idaho.

There will be tours of the Plant Materials Center office, laboratory, greenhouse facilities, and displays explaining current projects. There will also be tours of the Plant Materials research and production fields located at the 2 farms located just north of Aberdeen.

The office and field tours will be given from 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon, and the same tours will be repeated from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. The South Bingham Soil Conservation District will be providing cookies and punch.

The Plant Materials Center Office is located on the grounds of the University of Idaho Research and Extension Center on the northeast side of Aberdeen. Signs will guide you to parking and the office. For further information please call the Plant Materials Center at 397-4133.

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