

Plans roll on for '09 shows



PLANS for this year's Farm Progress Show and Hay Expo continue to come together well.

The whole team is working hard with a number of exhibitors to put together product unveilings and improvements to make the 2009 Farm Progress Show an event not to miss.

Spring planting recap

A break in the weather allowed planting to occur on time for the demonstration fields. Special thanks to host farmers David Brix, Marc Padrutt and Colby Schwarze for getting all of the crops in on time.

Despite cold and wet conditions early in the spring, a nice break allowed fields to dry enough for an excellent seedbed in late April. Hybrids used were a combi-



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nation of 96- to 99-day corn.

In addition to the field demonstration acres used during the show, fields also were planted for companies to use for fine-tuning their machines prior to the show.

About two-thirds of the field demonstration acres were planted in twin rows with a Great Plains planter. The current plan is for these acres to be harvested on Tuesday and Wednesday of the Farm Progress Show, Sept. 1 and 2. The final decision will be made later this summer as to the exact days.

More information on harvesting the

twin-row corn will be available in the Farm Progress Show program and on the Farm Progress Show Web site in August.

Side-by-side field demonstrations are always one of the highlights of the Farm Progress Show. Months of planning ensure the best possible venue for visitors to view equipment in action. In addition to planting the crop, much consideration is given to the field's layout so maximum acres are used while giving visitors the closest positions to watch machines at work. Safety is the focus of many meetings and planning sessions leading up to the big show.

A special thanks to Growmark/FS for supplying the seed, fertilizer and crop protection; Great Plains for the use of the planter; and Case IH for the use of a tractor. Also, thank you to Kinze Mfg. for the use of the planter that will plant the seed technology plots.

Hay Expo

This month, our attention turns to the Farm Progress Hay Expo. The Hay Expo is another can't-miss show. The two-day event will take place June 10 and 11 in Hixton, Wis. Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.

Growers familiar with this show have come to know it as the best place to see the newest innovations in action. This

year is no different. The host farm, Trinity Farms, has provided a fantastic show site and a great layout to demonstrate new products. One of the most appealing aspects is the ease of access, located only two miles off Exit 105 on Interstate 94.

Field demonstrations at the Farm Progress Hay Expo are always an impressive sight. The latest and greatest in haying products and technologies are on display and working in adjacent fields. We have 200 acres of crops to work with this year. In these fields you'll see mowing, conditioning, chopping, bagging, raking, baling and hay handling. Machines will run side-by-side, providing a great opportunity to compare and shop all of the newest models. Demonstrations will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Schedules may change according to weather. Therefore, we will keep www.hayexpo.com updated as showtime approaches.

A special thanks to Trinity Farms and the Aaron Kidd, Lynn Sedelbauer and Travis Armitage families for making the Hay Expo a tremendous event. They have been great partners, and we look forward to a successful show.



Mark your calendar

- ✓ Farm Progress Hay Expo, June 10-11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hixton, Wis., www.hayexpo.com.
- ✓ Farm Progress Show, Sept. 1-3, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Decatur, Ill., www.farmprogressshow.com.
- ✓ Husker Harvest Days, Sept. 15-17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Grand Island, Neb., www.huskerharvestdays.com.

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