

Technology in Conservation:

International Exchange on the Palouse

at the Palouse Conservation Field Station

USDA-ARS Land Management and Water Conservation Research Unit
WSU Department of Crop and Soil Sciences

WSU and the USDA-ARS will host 50 international visitors representing direct seed farmers from Europe, Australia and New Zealand for a morning bus tour followed by a complimentary lunch and early afternoon tour of research at the Palouse Conservation Field Station on Thursday, June 24. The tour is free, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

The bus tour will include a direct seed drill demo at St. John and visits to growers in the Endicott area involved in a local direct seed mentorship program.

The lunch program will include presentations from direct seeders visiting from Germany and New Zealand. Following lunch, WSU and USDA-ARS researchers will lead an early afternoon field tour highlighting research on direct seed cropping systems, drills, pathogens and weeds at the Palouse Conservation Field Station.

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The Palouse Conservation Field Station is located 1.5 miles north of Pullman on Highway 27, turn west and go half a mile on the Albion Road.

Thursday, June 24, 2010

- 7:30am Field day registration and morning refreshments
- 8:30am Buses depart for visits to St. John and Endicott
- 12:30pm Lunch at the Palouse Conservation Field Station
- 2:00 pm Brief field tour

The Palouse Conservation Field Station was established as one of 10 original erosion experiment stations throughout the United States during the period 1929 to 1933. Today, scientists from the USDA-ARS and Washington State University utilize this 200-acre research farm to conduct a wide variety of research projects ranging from soil erosion by wind and water to field-scale cropping and tillage practices on the steep slopes common on the Palouse.