

## **43<sup>rd</sup> annual Eagle Lake Field Day set for June**

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EAGLE LAKE – The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Eagle Lake Rice Field Day is scheduled for 4 p.m. June 27 at Wintermann Rice Research Station on Farm-to-Market Road 102 just north of Eagle Lake.

The field day will offer an opportunity for producers to tour the research station, making stops along the way to hear about disease management, insect management, nitrogen management, varietal testing, the inbred rice breeding program and the hybrid rice breeding program.

The field day is planned and coordinated by the Colorado County Rice Committee, which is comprised of local producers who meet throughout the year to identify topics for the event that are relevant and applicable to producers in the area. Area agribusiness continues to provide crucial sponsorship to support this event so that all who are interested in attending can do so free of charge.

The evening program will be held at the Eagle Lake Community Center with Dr. Joe Outlaw, Co-Director of the Agricultural & Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University addressing farm policy and governmental administration issues.

Also on the agenda for the evening program are Drs. Shane Zhou and Fugen Dou of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Beaumont. Drs. Zhou and Dou will provide attendees with information concerning organic rice production in Texas.

A catered meal will be provided at the evening program. Two continuing education units will be offered to all licensed pesticide applicators who attend the tour and evening program.

For more information, contact the Wintermann Rice Research Station at 979-234-3578 or the Extension office for Colorado County at 979-732-2082.