

Direct-harvest of Dry Beans

When? 9:00am-1:00pm, August 21, 2015 (registration at 9:00, lunch at 12:30)

Where? UW Powell Research & Extension Center, 747 Road 9, Powell, Wyoming

Why? There is growing interest in direct harvest of standing beans by skipping both undercutting and windrowing. While direct harvest fits well with conservation tillage to minimize soil disturbance and enhance soil health, harvest losses from low-growing plants may be unacceptable. Advances in combine header technology, along with taller varieties and altered agronomic and soil management practices, may reduce these losses to acceptable levels. **The goal of this workshop is to provide information that will help producers decide if direct harvest is an option they should consider.**

The program is free, and presentations will be followed by FREE LUNCH for participants.

Presenters and Topics

Direct harvest of Dry Beans: Experiences from success in Nebraska

John Smith, Professor and Machinery Systems Engineer (retired), University of Nebraska

John Thomas, Extension Educator, Box Butte County, Nebraska.

Smith and Thomas have extensive experience with direct bean harvest in the Nebraska Panhandle. They will talk about how to make it work, and how to decide if it's a good fit for your operation.

Weed management considerations for Wyoming direct harvest systems

Gustavo Sbatella, University of Wyoming Irrigated Crop and Weed Specialist

Direct harvest in a conservation tillage soil health program

Jay Norton, University of Wyoming Soil Fertility Specialist

Discussion: grower experiences and questions.



Flex headers for direct harvest will be on display.

Photo: John Smith

Please RSVP to Jay Norton by August 14 (jnorton4@uwyo.edu; 307-766-5082)