

Kernza®CAP

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2024 Kernza® Field Days Announced

Throughout the summer, farmers and research partners connected with KernzaCAP are hosting in-person field days in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas, and New Mexico. Kernza®, the first commercially available perennial grain in the US, prevents erosion, encourages water retention, and increases organic matter on farms. It is used to make pasta, beer, bread, and baked goods. More information for farmers, handlers, makers, researchers and consumers is available at Kernza.org. The following schedule of field days covers a range of topics, including Kernza breeding, production, processing, economics, ecosystem services and market development. This list will be updated throughout the summer.

June 13 - East Troy, WI

Stute Farm and Michael Fields Agricultural Institute will host a field day on Weatherproofing your Farm that will feature Kernza® from 1-4pm.

June 27 - Roseau, MN

The Turf Grass Council will host a field day from 1-4pm at the Magnusson Research Farm. For more details check the online newsletter here: <https://turf.umn.edu/seed-production-newsletters>

June 27 - Farmington, New Mexico

New Mexico State University Ag Science Center - Farmington will host a field day which will include Kernza® from 9-1pm. More details available at: <https://rsvp.nmsu.edu/rsvp/Farmington>

July 9 - Madison, WI

Artisan Grain Collaborative will host a field day on organic cereal crops including Kernza, wheat, barley, and oats at the West Madison Agricultural Research station from 4:00-5:30.

July 10 - Arlington, WI

Dr. Valentin Picasso will lead a tour of the KernzaCAP experiments at the Arlington Research Station from 2:30-4:30pm for the ASA Board Meeting.

July 12 - St. Peter, MN

Great River Greening will host a Continuous Living Cover focused field day which will include Kernza®, winter camelina, hybrid rye and how the crops we plant can positively impact fish populations downstream. There will also be presentations on carbon markets and the sustainable aviation fuel industry. Please register for this event here <https://givepul.se/pofhf7>

July 18-19 - Salina, KS

Sustain-a-Grain will host a 2-day immersive event for designed for millers, bakers, brewers, distillers, and other Kernza product creators to enhance understanding of Kernza, and experience the process from “Farm to Fork”. Learn more and register here:

<https://www.sustainagrain.com/store/p/the-field-experience-industry-event-salina-ks-july-18-19-2024>

August 2 - East Troy, WI

Michael Fields Agricultural Institute and partners will host a field day highlighting emerging crops Kernza®, buckwheat, industrial hemp, and more. More info and registration here:

<https://www.michaelfields.org/events/michael-fields-agricultural-institute-annual-field-day-crops-for-our-future>

August 6 - Jackson, WI

Glacierland RDC and Cedar Creek Farmers will host a Soil Health Field Day featuring Ross Bishop’s Kernza field from 5:30-7:30pm. More details available at:

<https://www.glacierlandrcd.org/upcoming-events>

August 6 - Cannon Falls, MN

Clean River Partners will host a Kernza® focused field day at Bill Jokela’s farm from 3-5pm. Learn more and register here: <https://www.cleanriverpartners.org/events/member-meetup-aug>

August 15 - Westport, MN

Pope and Stearns County SWCD will host a field day featuring Kernza® at the Rosholt Research Farm. Check the website for more details as they are available: <https://popeswcd.org/>

August 22 - Castle Rock, MN

Kimber Contours and Forever Green will host a field day from 10am-1pm that will include Kernza® along with Kimber Contours' [Go-First Farm](#) hazelnut planting. Topics such as land transitions will also be covered. Check the website for more details as they are available: <https://forevergreen.umn.edu/>

September 4 - Hastings, MN

University of Minnesota Forever Green, Minnesota Department of Agriculture and Dakota County SWCD will host a field day from 2pm - 4pm focusing on Perennials for Water Quality at the city-owned DWSMA land in Hastings (2500 Enterprise Ave, Hastings, MN 55033), MN that was planted to a combination of kernza & alfalfa. Highlights include water quality outcomes of perennials on the landscape, policy discussions, future land leasing options and partner organization display tables.

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