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Soil Fertility Schools

Twin Creeks Extension District and K-State Research and Extension has scheduled four regional programs during the month of January 2024.

The meetings schedule is the following:

- January 23 – Smith Center – 9:30 a.m. to NOON – Christian Church
- January 23 – Ellsworth – 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.– Recreational Center Meeting Room
- January 25 – Goodland – 9:30 a.m. to NOON (MT) – 4-H Building
- January 25 – Jennings – 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Community Building (main floor)

The schools will be presented by Lucas Haag, KSU NW Region agronomist and Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, KSU Fertility specialist along with local District Extension Agents. Topics will include KSU research updates, Soil sampling, Using biologicals in your fertility program, Fertilizer placement, N and P management updates along with drought impacts and a question and answer session. So be sure and bring all your questions with you! 2.5 CCA credits have been applied for.

There is no cost for the schools, however, pre-registration is requested by Friday, **January 19, for all schools either online, https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMDQEWUMUu4LP6e, or** at your local Extension Office. A minimum of 10 pre-registered producers are needed to hold each of the schools. Hope to see you there!

Radon Presentation

Join the Twin Creeks Extension District in Norton on January 23rd at 6 p.m. at the Norton County 4-H Building for a meal and to learn more about the risk of radon! The presentation will be presented by Laura Wallace of the Kansas Radon Program at Kansas State University. Dinner will be served at 6 and the meeting will begin at 6:30. To RSVP for the meal, call 785-421-3411 or email kshepard@ksu.edu. RSVPs are due January 16th!

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers. Radon is a natural, tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas produced from the decay of uranium found in nearly all soils. Radon gas moves from the ground under and around your home through cracks and other holes in the foundation.

Additionally, radon test kits will be available at the event free of charge due to the generosity of the Sheridan County Community Foundation and the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.