8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome & Thank You — Extension & USDA Updates
   Wyatt Miller

9:10 Input Management in a Risky Time
   Dr. Ray Massey — State Agriculture Economist, University of Missouri

10:10 Break

10:15 Do Micronutrients Fit into Your Row Crop Operation
   Wayne Flanary — Agronomy Specialist, University of Missouri

11:15 Corn and Soybean Insects — Current and Emerging Threats
   Dr. Wayne Bailey — State Entomologist, University of Missouri

12:15 Lunch — Catered by Nadler’s

1:00 Weed Management Update for 2015 and Beyond
   Dr. Kevin Bradley — State Weed Scientist, University of Missouri

2:00 Making Better Management Decisions with Precision Ag Data: Today and into the Future
   Kent Shannon — Natural Resource Engineer, University of Missouri

3:00 Adjourn

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2015 Ray County Soils and Crops Conference Session Descriptions

Registration – 8:30 a.m.

Session 1: 9:10-10:10 a.m.

Speaker: Ray Massey Ph.D., Extension Professor and State Extension Economist, University of Missouri
Title: Input Management in a Risky Time
Description: With the current and future crop prices looking low, producers need to evaluate how much they are spending inputs. Dr. Massey will discuss the future market outlook and get producers thinking hard about their input costs.

Session 2: 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Speaker: Wayne Flanary, Extension Professional, Agronomy Specialist, University of Missouri
Title: Do Micronutrients Fit into Your Row Crop Operation
Description: There has been an increase of interest of both farmers and crop consultants about the need of micronutrient fertilization in corn and soybeans. This presentation will discuss the results of several research trials using micronutrient fertilization on both soil and foliage.

Session 3: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Speaker: Wayne Bailey Ph.D., Associate Professor and State Extension Entomologist, University of Missouri
Title: Corn and Soybean Insects – Current and Emerging Threats
Description: Insect pests are potential problem in row crops each year. The presentation will look at management techniques for our current insect pests as well as give insight into future threats that are coming our way. The importance of beneficial insects and other biological agents in the control of insect pests will also be discussed.

Lunch: 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Session 4: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Speaker: Kevin Bradley, Ph.D., Associate Professor and State Extension Weed Scientist, University of Missouri
Title: Weed Management Update for 2015 and Beyond
Description: This session will begin with an update on the latest label changes, new chemistry, and new strategies to help you make informed decisions in weed management. The session will then cover herbicide resistant weed management with discussion on new herbicide-resistant traits and the management practices we must use to reduce the problems of resistant weeds in the future.

Session 5: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Speaker: Kent Shannon, Extension Professional, Natural Resource Engineering Specialist
Title: Making Better Management Decisions with Precision Ag Data: Today and into the Future
Description: With the amount of data being collected in today’s production systems, it can easily become daunting of what do with it all. This talk will focus on what precision ag tools are available today and their capabilities for organizing, storing, analyzing data for making better management decisions.