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Alberta Pulse Growers*

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***** PLEASE NOTE - There will not be any field visits this week - July 19 - 23. The schedule will resume next week.*****

Here are the results todate on the Soil Moisture Monitoring in Dry Beans

To learn more first hand, plan on joining Dave Hyland in the field. Call 403-545-2231 for more details.

ALBERTA PULSE GROWERS / IRRIGATION BRANCH

"Incorporation of Soil Moisture Monitoring for Irrigation Scheduling in Dry Beans"

JULY 16/04

Site Location	Co-operator	Crop Water Use to Date mm	Projected Crop Water Use Next 14 Days mm	Date and Time of visit
NE 34-13-16-4	Bennen Farms	79	54	Wednesdays 10:30 am
W1/2 NE 20-9-15-4	Greg Sekura	82	57	Wednesdays 2:00 pm
N1/2 SE 3-9-12-4	Andy Dykstra	91	54	Thursdays 10:30 am
NE 22-10-11-4	Clifford Keeler	93	58	Thursdays 1:30 pm

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The purpose of this study is to demonstrate the utility of using the information from soil moisture sensors to assist with irrigation scheduling. 4 fields have been instrumented with soil moisture probes. Weekly farmer meetings have been planned and include determining soil moisture with the soil moisture probe, irrigation management using the Irrigation Handbook, demonstration of soil tracking with the Alberta Irrigation Management model and agronomic evaluation.

