

Extension Notes

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### **Meet the Crop Challenge of 2011**

Those involved in agriculture may be facing a number of crop challenges in 2011. Last year provided challenges of crop diseases in corn and soybeans as well as pesticide resistant weeds and of course the weather.

To address those challenges Iowa State University Extension has provided the “Crop Challenges 2011” meeting on December 16 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 502 Clark Street in Charles City. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:15 am with some great speakers to address those challenges.

Dr. Elwynn Taylor, Extension Climatologist, will review the past growing season and provide a weather outlook for the 2011 growing season. You will want to hear his take on weather patterns and how they may impact your spring planting, growing season and markets.

Dr. Alison Robertson, Extension Plant Pathologist, will discuss sudden death syndrome in soybeans, Goss’s wilt, and northern corn leaf blight. She will provide you with identification tips and provide disease management advice.

John Holmes, Extension Field Agronomist, will discuss managing glyphosate resistant weeds and soybean insect management in the afternoon.

You can also meet the challenge of obtaining private pesticide applicator training in the afternoon. Topics to fulfill the annual training requirements will be covered and your training requirements fulfilled. Certified Crop Advisor credits will be available during the day too.

Local sponsors feel this is a program you should attend so they are providing the morning meeting, materials, and lunch at no cost; however, registration is necessary for planning purposes. Don’t pass up this holiday gift. Call your local ISU Extension office to register for Crop Challenges 2011.

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