

## **CROP NOTES for Dec. 19, 2008**

### **Iowa State University Extension Information for Northeast Iowa**

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### **IOWA BEE RULE**

#### **Proposed Changes – Comment Now**

Iowa crop producers, agribusiness and apiarists have until Jan. 7 to comment on proposed changes to commercial pesticide application recordkeeping and the Iowa Bee Rule.

IDALS has published the proposed changes in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin. The proposed rule changes can be accessed online in the Dec. 17 edition of the bulletin, starting on page 1,420 (page 12 of the 62-page pdf file) at:

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/aspx/ACODOCS/DOCS/12-17-2008.Bulletin.pdf>

Some proposed change include:

- 1) Commercial pesticide applicators spraying pesticides labeled as “toxic to bees” within one mile of a registered apiary would not be able to spray between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.
- 2) Owners of apiaries will need to register the location of their apiaries with the state apiarist.
- 3) For all commercial pesticide applications, commercial pesticide applicators will need to keep records of the time all pesticide applications begin and end.

A public hearing will be held on Jan. 7, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Any interested party may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments until 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 7, 2009. Written comments should be sent to Margaret Thomson, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319; or faxed to (515) 281-6236. E-mail comments may be sent to [Margaret.Thomson@IowaAgriculture.gov](mailto:Margaret.Thomson@IowaAgriculture.gov)

## **FUNGICIDE TRIALS**

### **Preliminary Results**

The attached pdf file has a summary of most of the replicated fungicide trials conducted at the Northeast ISU Research Farm near Nashua, and all of the posted fungicide strip trials (as of Dec. 17) from the Iowa Soybean Association's On-Farm Network for northeast Iowa counties. As additional trials are processed and posted, I'll add them to this summary data set. You can also go to the ISA On-Farm Network website at: <http://www.isafarmnet.com/index.html>

## **EVENTS**

### **Jan.-Mar., Beginners Bee Keeping Course, Various Locations in Iowa**

The Iowa Honey Producers Association will conduct courses in several locations across Iowa to help those interested in starting beekeeping:

- 1) Winterset Library, Jan. 26 – Mar. 5 with no class on Feb. 26. Instructor: Pat Randol. Contact Pat, 515-210-7445.
- 2) Ankeny, DMACC Campus, Jan. 29 & following 6 weeks. Instructor: John Johnson. Contact Lois Kiester, DMACC, 515-964-6685.
- 3) Marshalltown, classes Feb. 5 & following 6 weeks. Instructors: Phil Ebert & Margaret Hala. Contact Jean Brownlie, 800-284-4823.
- 4) Washington, Kirkwood Center, classes expected to start mid- to late Feb. for four weeks. Instructor: Ron Wehr. Contact Ron, 319-698-7542.
- 5) Spencer, classes begin in March. Contact Larry or Marlene Boernsen, 712-735-4205.
- 6) Cedar Rapids, Indian Creek Nature Center, classes start Jan. 22 with 8 sessions. Contact the Center, 319-362-0664.
- 7) Knoxville Library, classes Jan. 6 – Mar. 3. Instructor: Craig Greene. Contact Craig, 641-842-2112.
- 8) Indianola Library, classes Jan. 6 – Mar. 3. Instructor: Mike Wyatt. Contact Mike, 515-961-0357.

To enroll, call the contact for the course in their area. Early enrollment is important so courses can meet minimum enrollment. Fees will vary by location and are expected to range from \$30 to \$60. For more information, go to: [www.abuzzaboutbees.com](http://www.abuzzaboutbees.com) or contact Andrew Joseph, State Apiarist, Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship at (515) 725-1481 or [andrew.joseph@iowaagriculture.gov](mailto:andrew.joseph@iowaagriculture.gov)

### **Jan. 7, Commercial Manure Applicator Annual Training Meeting, various County Extension Offices**

Commercial manure applicators can receive their 3 hours of annual training on Jan. 7 at many county extension offices in Iowa.

For the News Release go to:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/2008/dec/161406.htm>

Program brochure is at:

<http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/certification/SP278CommApplCert2008.pdf>

### **Jan. 5-29, Crop Advantage Conference, 13 Locations Across Iowa**

Crop Advantage Conference provides practical usable information that you can apply to your operation, the latest research conducted by ISU and other institutions, and topics localized to your region of Iowa. Corn and soybean management, soil fertility, conservation tillage, grain marketing decisions, insects and weeds are just a few of the many topics presented at these meetings. For locations and brochures specific to those locations go to: <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/cas/homepage.html>

### **Jan. 28-29, Iowa Pork Congress, Des Moines**

For more information, go to: <http://www.iowaporkcongress.org/>

### **Jan. - Feb., Annual Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshops, various County Extension Offices**

ISU Extension will be offering 2-hour workshops in Jan. & Feb. for confinement site manure applicators and anyone else interesting in learning about manure application.

For the News Release go to:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/2008/dec/161405.htm>

Program brochure is at:

<http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/certification/2009ConfineSP277.pdf>

### **Feb. 28, The 38th Annual Cornbelt Cow-Calf Conference, Ottumwa**

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Bridge View Center in Ottumwa. The one-day event typically draws more than 500 people and costs just \$10 to enter. No preregistration is required and all participants receive a copy of materials presented at the conference. The conference includes more than a dozen presentations in general and breakout sessions, as well as more than 70 exhibits. For more information go to: [www.iowabeefcenter.org](http://www.iowabeefcenter.org)

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