

**Celebrate Agriculture**

Ag Day Expo and Lunch

Monday March 21 , 9:30 - 1:30  
4-H & FFA Building, Greenfield

Corn & Soybean Association

Banquet Saturday, March 19  
Greenfield Chamber Mtg Room

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## Better Information for a more Profitable Operation

**Orient Crop Fair**  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2011**  
**11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
**Orient United Methodist Church - Orient, Iowa**

**11:30 a.m. Registration and complimentary lunch**  
Free to all crop fair attendees

**12:00 noon Program**

**COMBO– Crop Insurance Changes**  
Tim Eggers, ISU Extension Field Ag Economist

**2011 Crop Weather Outlook**  
Elwynn Taylor,  
ISU Extension Climatologist



**Which Cattle are in the Most Demand**  
Darrell Busby, Tri County Steer Carcass  
Futurity Cooperative

**No charge for the Crop Fair but RSVP by Monday, February 14** for accurate meal count. Sign-up by calling the Adair County Extension Office at 641.743.8412 or 1.800.ISUE.399 or [powella@iastate.edu](mailto:powella@iastate.edu)

**9:30-11:30 a.m.. Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Education Class at same location. See more info on page 2.**

This Crop Fair is FREE  
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# Private Pesticide Continuing Education Classes

You still have two more chances to complete your private pesticide continuing education requirement in Adair County.

A class will be offered immediately preceding the Crop Fair on **February 16th at the Orient Methodist Church from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

An identical session will be held on **Monday, March 7th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Adair Community Centre in Adair.** (Note the change of location from last year)

Arrive at least 30 minutes early to the PPAT sessions to complete registration. State law forbids admitting latecomers.

Cost for the training is \$20. Checks should be made out to Adair County Extension.

Cost to renew your pesticide applicator license is \$15 (only applies for those licenses which expired December 31, 2010) Checks for renewal should be made payable to IDALS.

If you do not have a current license you must take and pass an exam administered by IDALS. Study guides are available for check out at Adair County libraries or you may purchase your own study guide for \$15 from Adair County Extension. Make sure to call to order your study guide at least 1 week in advance of when you need it.

Testing options are more limited this year due to budget cuts at IDALS. The nearest **testing sites** remaining for this winter include:

Monday– March 21st from 2-7 p.m. at the Cass County Extension office in Atlantic

Thursday– March 31st from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Room 180 at the Instructional Center located on the campus of Southwestern Community College in Creston

If you have questions about the status of your license, please contact the Adair County Extension office.

## Risk Management for Cattle Feeders

Take advantage of a special hands-on risk management program set for **Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Armstrong Research Farm near Lewis.** The program runs from 9:30-2:30 and features a simulated cattle marketing and feeder cattle and corn purchasing experience.

You will make decisions using a projected margin between fed cattle and corn and feeder cattle along with learning about risk management tools.

ISU Extension Ag Economist, Shane Ellis will be the workshop leader.

Because the majority of time will be spent in the year-long simulation phase, attendees are strongly encouraged to prepare by going to <http://www.econ.iastate.edu/margins/> **Beef Crush Margin** description **Margin Tracker:** Follow the securable margins available for the next 16 months **Historic Crush Margins:** Gross margin protection strategies have worked in the past

The program is limited to 26 participants. There is a \$25 fee which includes lunch. To register contact Clint McDonald, ISU Extension Beef Program Specialist, by calling 712-644-2105 or e-mail [clint@iastate.edu](mailto:clint@iastate.edu)

### Identifying Heifers

#### International Year/Letter

#### X for 2010, Y for 2011

Tattoo those replacement heifers as a permanent identification.

**Soybean Diseases**, is a comprehensive compilation of soybean disease and management information. The guide includes information on 24 soybean diseases and features an overview of the major causes of plant disease; photos of each disease; a glossary; and quick visual cues indicating which diseases are seed-transmitted. Free copies are available at the Adair County Extension office upon request. Funding was supplied by the Iowa Soybean Checkoff, ISA and ISU Extension.

# February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 State 4-H Award and Scholarships applications due to Ames	2 Youth Action Committee 6 pm 4-H/FFA Center	3 Family Learning Time (2/6) 10:30-11:30 am , Stuart Library	4	5 Clover Kids 10:00-11:30 am, Fitness Center Saturday Break 10:00 – 11:30 am
6 Youth Council Valentine's dance committee 1 p.m. Extension office	7	8 Family Storyteller book club 6-7 pm, *EO	9 Commercial Ag 9 am – 12 noon *EO	10 Family Learning Time (3/6) 10:30-11:30 am , Stuart Library <b>Commercial (dry) Manure</b> Applicator Training, 1 – 4 pm Greenfield Chamber Building	11 Youth Council meeting 6:30 prior to Valentine Dance for 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders, 7:30 – 10 pm, 4-H/FFA Center \$3/person	12
13	14	15 Loving Your Family, Feeding Their Future(2/3) 11:30 am – 1:00 pm or 5:30 – 7:00 pm Greenfield Methodist Church	16 Private Pesticide Training, 9:30-11:30 am <b>Iowa Corn Crop Fair</b> 11:30 am-2:30 pm Orient Methodist Church	17 Risk Management-Cattle Feeders, 9:30am-2:30pm, Armstrong Research Farm, Lewis Family Learning Time (4/6) 10:30-11:30 am , Stuart Library	18	19
20	21	22 Parent CPR/1st Aid program, 5:30 – 7 pm *EO	23	24 N-K Research Farm Annual Review/Planning 9:30am-3:30pm, *EO Family Learning Time (5/6) 10:30-11:30 am , Stuart Library	25 ICA Annual Convention in conjunction with Cornbelt Cow-Calf Conference, Ottumwa	26
27 SOFA Planning Committee Meeting, 5 pm, *EO	28 Extension Council *EO 6:00 p.m. 7:15 Youth Action Committee	<b>Notes:</b>				

# March 2011

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		<p><b>1</b> Parenting Fair 5:30-7:30 NV Elementary School Adair County Corn and Soybean Scholarship Application due Adair County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application due</p>	<p><b>2</b> Ornamental &amp; Turf Applicators, 1:30 pm *EO</p>	<p><b>3</b> Adair County Soil &amp; Water District Scholarship Application due</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> Clover Kids 10:00-11:30 am, Fitness Center Saturday Break 10:00 – 11:30 am</p>
<p><b>6</b> Bowling Party, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, Greenfield Bowl, \$2.50  Youth Council, 4 pm, *EO</p>	<p><b>7</b> Private Pesticide Training 6:30-8:30 pm, Adair Community Centre, Adair</p>	<p><b>8</b> Family Storyteller book club 6-7 pm, *EO</p>	<p><b>9</b> Iowa Pork Regional Conference, 1 – 4:30 pm Carroll County Extension, Carroll</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> FSQA for 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors, 6:30 – 8 pm *EO Leader Training, 6:30 – 8 pm, Greenfield Chamber Building</p>	<p><b>15</b> Loving Your Family, Feeding Their Future(3/3) 11:30 am – 1:00 pm or 5:30 – 7:00 pm Greenfield Methodist Church</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> FSQA for 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors, 6:30 – 8 pm, *EO</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Adair County Corn &amp; Soybean Banquet, Greenfield Chamber Building</p>
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> Ag Day 9:30 am-1:30 pm, 4-H/FFA building on fairgrounds</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> State Award Interviews Ames</p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> Extension Council *EO 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p>	

## Keeping your Sanity as A Parent

Raising a child is one of the most rewarding jobs you can ever have, but it can also be one of the most stressful. Barb Herr, Clinical Therapist with West Central Mental, will present information on the stressors of raising children and practical suggestions on how to get beyond the pressures at a special program on Tuesday, March 2 from 6:15-7:00 p.m. at the Family Supports Building (formerly Crook's Clothing) located at 226 Public Square in Greenfield.

The program is a joint effort of Growing Strong Families, Family Rewards, and Adair County Home Care. There is no cost, but advance sign up is requested by Monday, March 1st. You can RSVP by calling the Extension office at 743-8412 or 1-800-ISUE399. Free on-site child care is available.

## Growing Strong Families

We are currently enrolling additional families in the very popular Growing Strong Families program. Any Adair County family that is expecting a child or has a child under the age of 5 can enroll in the free education program. Each month you get information specific to the developmental stage of your child along with tips on how to encourage their development.

Parent educators trained through the national Parents as Teachers Center work individually with each family. In addition, group programs and activities are offered on a regular basis.

For more information or to enroll, call Angie at the Extension office. Parents, grandparents, and anyone who cares for children are encouraged to become fans of **Growing Strong Families Adair County** at Facebook.com Fans get timely tips, information about upcoming programs, and links to wonderful resources.

## Become a Fan of Adair County 4-H and Youth Programs



Get up to date information about what is happening in Adair County 4-H program by becoming a fan of Adair County 4-H and Youth programs at Facebook.com Current 4-H'ers, volunteers, parents, grandparents, and alumni will enjoy hearing about current programs as well as hearing from alumni.

## 4-H and FFA Adair County Fair Trophy Donors Needed

Sponsors are needed for 66 trophies to be presented to 4-H and FFA exhibitors during the 2010 Adair County Fair. Trophies are presented for livestock shows, livestock skill-a-thons, communication, clothing event winners.

Sponsorship fees are \$17.50 (large) and \$12 (Skill-A-Thon, Top FR/CS, Communications). Contact the Adair County Extension Office at 641-743-8412 or 1-800-ISUE399 or email [wallaced@iastate.edu](mailto:wallaced@iastate.edu) to become a trophy donor.



## 4-H Still Accepting Enrollments for 2010

Enrollments are still being accepted for the 4-H program. Youth can join the other 203 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders already enrolled for 2010. Adair County offers 13 community clubs including a club which specializes in shooting sports. The program also offers independent membership for youth whose work, school, or church schedule makes it difficult to attend regular meetings.

For more information about how to get involved in the 4-H program, contact Donna Wallace at the Extension office [wallaced@iastate.edu](mailto:wallaced@iastate.edu).

Adair County 4-H alumni report they have an edge in the job market and continue to use the communication, leadership, and citizenship skills throughout life.

Read more about 4-H alumni Matt Wedemeyer and Emily Ford Balvanz on the Adair County Extension website [www.extension.iastate.edu/adair](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair) or at the Adair County 4-H and Youth Programs facebook page.



\*EO-Extension Office

\*FB-Family Support Building  
(formerly Crook's Clothing)

# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 IDALS pesticide license testing 2-7 p.m. Cass Co Extension office, Atlantic	2 Crop Fair 9-12:30 PPAT 1:30-3:30 Orient Keeping Your Sanity as a Parent 6:15 -7 pm FSB*	3 Commercial Ornamental Applicator,2,3 O, 3T, 1 O Training 1:30 pm E.O.*	4	5	6 Clover Kids 10-11:30 am E.O.*
7 4-H Youth Council 4:00 p.m. EO	8 Financial Literacy Part 1 6-7pm FSB*	9 Book Club, Family Story Teller grads, 6-7 pm FSB 4-H Leader Training 6:30-8:30 pm E.O.*	10	11	12	13
14	15 <b>Ag Day Expo</b> <b>Financial Literacy</b> Part 2 6-7pm FSB* <b>FSQA</b> Training for 4-H&FFA 6:30-8:30 pm E.O.*	16	17	18 <b>FSQA</b> Training for 4-H&FFA 6:30-8:30 pm E.O.*	19	20 Corn and Soybean Association Banquet
21	22 Financial Literacy Part 3, 6-7pm FSB*  Extension Council 7:30 E.O.*	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Financial Literacy Part 4, 6-7pm FSB*	30	31			