

Crop Advantage Series

The 2008 Crop Advantage Series is underway. Don't miss out, register today.

Fungicides and corn yields will be one of the featured topics at the 2008 Crop Advantage Series. Sponsored by Iowa State University (ISU) Extension, this series will be held Jan. 4-31 at 13 locations around Iowa.

This year's program brings timely topics, such as the use of corn fungicides, directly to producers. With the rapid changes taking place in Iowa crop production it's important that we provide the latest information to growers.

The other featured speaker is Elwynn Taylor, ISU Extension climatologist. He will be discussing how growers can keep up with weather changes and the weather outlook for the 2008 growing season.

The remainder of the program will feature presentations on soil fertility, pest management, marketing and crop production issues. These topics are different at each of the 13 meetings in the series. A full listing of meetings and topics is available at www.cropadvantage.org.

Digital Soil Survey Workshop

To explore these new sources for soil survey information the Carroll County Soil and Water Conservation District and Iowa State University Extension are hosting a hands-on short course on January 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Carroll County Extension office in Carroll. Pre-registration of \$5 is requested to the Carroll County Extension office to ensure availability of SoilView CD-ROMs. One soil and water certified crop advisor credit has been applied for.

"Fortunately with the use of technology the 1982 soil survey has been turned into an interactive survey with updated maps and data tables in the form of a SoilView CD," says Dave York, District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

In addition to the SoilView CD, the national Web Soil Survey provides another interactive opportunity to access soil data and information. The site provides access to the largest natural resource information system in the world. To date soil maps and data are available for over 95 percent of the nation's counties.

"Going high-tech can be uncomfortable for some, but that is not the case with this new trend in soil survey," says Mark Licht, Iowa State University Extension Field Agronomist. "Users will find this technology will allow them to better understand and apply the soil data."

Participants are welcome to bring a laptop and work along or just come to watch and learn. SoilView CD's will be provided for participants to take home.

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Dates to Remember:

Jan 23, 2008 Crop Advantage Series, Carrollton Inn, Carroll, IA
Jan 24, 2008 Digital Soil Survey Workshop, Carroll Co Extension office, Carroll, IA
Feb 13, 2008 Commercial Ag Pest, Weed, Insect & Disease, local county extension office
Feb 20, 2008 Commercial Seed Treatment, local county extension office
Feb 27, 2008 Machinery and Labor Sharing Agreements Workshop
Mar 19, 2008 RUSLE2 and P-Index Workshop, Carroll Co. Extension, Carroll, IA

Private Pesticide ...

Jan 16, 2008 East Sec Middle School Auditorium, Sac City, IA
Feb 18, 2008 Denison High School Auditorium, Denison, IA
Feb 20, 2008 Lohff Schuman Memorial Community Center, Holstein, IA
Feb 27, 2008 Wall Lake Community Center, Wall Lake, IA
Mar 7, 2008 Western Iowa Research Farm, Castana, IA
Mar 11, 2008 Carroll Recreation Center, Carroll, IA
Mar 12, 2008 Community Rec Center, Ida Grove, IA
Mar 18, 2008 FC Community Room, Farnhamville, IA
Mar 19, 2008 Clover Hall, Greene Co Fairgrounds, Jefferson, IA

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Jan 17, 2008 Greene Co Extension, Jefferson, IA
Feb 12, 2008 Calhoun Co Extension, Rockwell City, IA
Feb 12, 2008 Carroll Co Extension, Carroll, IA
Feb 13, 2008 Correctionville Community Center, Correctionville, IA