

CROP CONNECTIONS

1 December 2008

Crop Production Risk Management Workshop, Castana, Iowa

ISU Extension in conjunction with the ISU Corn and Soybean Initiative are sponsoring a Crop Production Risk Management workshop December 17, 2008 from 9:30am to 11:30am at the ISU Western Research and Demonstration Farm.

Iowa State University Extension field agronomist, Mark Licht, will discuss agronomic tactics that can be used to minimize risks. Ron Hook, ISU Extension farm management specialist, will discuss the economic situation related to crop production input costs and potential financial management strategies. Kurt Ross, Western Iowa Cooperative, will highlight fertilizer and chemical trends and outlooks. Participants will have the opportunity to work through some scenarios and discuss available options.

Pre-registration for the Crop Production Risk Management workshop is necessary by December 15, 2008. There is a fee of \$10 per person if registered by December 15 and a walk-in registration fee of \$15 per person. A minimum of 10 persons is needed to conduct the meeting. To pre-register contact the ISU Extension office in Monona County (712-423-2175) or Crawford County (712-263-4697).

The ISU Western Research and Demonstration Farm is located 4 miles east of Castana, Iowa on County Road E-34.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

Private Pesticide Applicator training is about to start. If you generally attend this training please keep an eye out for a mailed brochure. If you generally test but are thinking of taking the training call your county Extension office for nearby locations and dates. There are three locations in the month of December. The first is December 4 at 9:30am at the Greene County Fairgrounds. The second is December 5 at 1:30pm at the Pomeroy Community Building. And the third is December 17 at 1:30am at St. John's United Methodist Church in Mapleton.

Ag Chemical Dealer Update

The Ag Chemical Dealer Update series delivers the latest crop production recommendations, news and information directly from Iowa State University Extension. Each location features updates on weed, insect, crop disease, soil nutrient, and soil and water management brought to you by ISU experts. Meeting review the positives and negatives of the past growing season and prepare seed, chemical, and fertilizer dealers, crop consultants, farm managers and agronomists for the challenges of the upcoming crop production year. CCA credits and 2008 Commercial Pesticide Continuing Education are available at these meetings. The closest location is Storm Lake on Dec. 16. For details and registration: <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/acu/homepage.html>.

2009 Crop Advantage Series

The annual Crop Advantage Series dates have been set for January, 2009. The Carroll location is set for January 27. Other nearby locations are January 8 in Ames, January 20 in Cherokee, and January 29 in Atlantic. General sessions feature aphid research and management, along with managing soil nutrients in uncertain times. There will be four breakout sessions with three topics being offered for each breakout. Breakout sessions follow three tracks; 1) crop management, 2) pest management, and 3) soil conservation. For details of every location and to register, the web page is now open: <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/cas/homepage.html>. For Certified Crop Advisors, up to 5 CCA credits are available. Private Pesticide Applicators can attend an additional workshop at the end of the day to complete that continuing education requirement for the winter. There is an additional charge for these extra certifications, however.

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- [Ag Chemical Dealer Update](#)
- [Integrated Crop Management Conference](#)
- [Grain Drying, Handling and Storage](#)
- [ICM News](#)
- [Using Manure Nutrients for Crop Production](#)
- [Integrated Crop Management Conference](#)
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