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## 2008 County Corn and Soybean Yields Released

What were the county averages for 2008? That's a question that comes every year starting in December. Those numbers have just recently been announced by the National Ag Statistics Service and west-central Iowa had mixed results. One county in the west-central reporting district saw an increase in soybean yields 2007 to 2008. That honor goes to Crawford County. Ten of the twelve west-central reporting district counties saw an increase in corn yields from 2007 to 2008. Below are the 2008 county averaged corn and soybean yields.

<u>County</u>	<u>Corn</u>	<u>Soybean</u>
	bu/ac	
Audubon	181	49.5
Calhoun	178	48.5
Carroll	179	49.0
Crawford	191	53.0
Greene	159	46.0
Guthrie	171	43.5
Harrison	176	39.5
Ida	196	49.5
Monona	171	44.0
Sac	184	50.0
Shelby	190	48.0
Woodbury	185	45.0
West-Central	180	47.0

## DNR "Manure Applications to Frozen Ground" Public Hearing

You can make comments and voice your concerns. Don't miss this opportunity.  
Where: Dedham American Legion Hall  
When: March 18, 6:00pm

## Websites for Farm Business Planning

Iowa State University Extension has several sites that are useful for farm business planning. The first is the "[Ag Decision Maker](#)" website. This site has references for land values, custom rates, farmland leases, worksheets on crop production costs, government programs and business planning. Check this site monthly or sign up to get email updates with additions to the website.

The second website is for the "[Center for Ag Law and Taxation](#)." Roger McEown, professor of agricultural law at Iowa State University, leads this center. The center is also staffed by Erin Herbold, attorney, and Tiffany Kaiser, program administrator. This is the place to find law updates. This was a very good source for information on the VeraSun bankruptcy issue.

## Private Pesticide Applicator Training Opportunities Winding Down

If you still need to get your private pesticide applicator training needs met, time is running short. The last **live** training opportunities are;

- Carroll Co., Carrollton Inn, March 19, 7pm
- Greene Co., Clover Hall, Fairgrounds, March 18, 9:30am
- Guthrie Co., Panora Library, March 31, 9:30am
- Shelby Co., Shelby Community Building, April 7, 9:30am

A few counties have elected to show a last chance webcast. Check with the local county office for more details on time and location. Those counties are; Buena Vista, Calhoun, Crawford, Greene, Harrison and Ida.