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Integrated Pest management News. The Integrated Pest Management newsletter has changed. It is now an internet only newsletter, instead of a subscription hard copy. The new format will allow for immediate response to crop pest and crop management issues during the growing season and beyond. You can access the Integrated Crop management news at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cropnews>

Crop blog. Iowa Farmer Today and the ISU Corn and Soybean Initiative have teamed up to offer the CropWatch Blog. Industry Agronomists and ISU agronomists will post comments on a regular basis to the blog. View the CropWatch Blog at

<http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/blog/>

I am one of the contributors –so if you have ideas/topics – please let me know at kassel@iastate.edu.

Private pesticide applicator certification. There is one more private pesticide applicator certification session for 2007/2008. It is available in many (but not all) extension offices on April 15 at 7:00pm. Call or check with your local extension office for local availability - <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ouroffices.htm>.

Soil temperatures. See <http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/NPKnowledge/> for county by county soil temps.

Corn Planting. Corn planting is at a standstill in most of the US right now. Roger Elmore, ISU corn agronomist, says that only one year in four do we have more than 10% of the corn planted by the third week of April (2006 was the notable exception). One major goal to have with corn planting is to have all the plants come up at the same time – so we can afford to wait for good soil conditions. Studies that compare planting date show that corn yield response to planting date is fairly flat in April and does not decline much until after May 10.

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