

Iowa State University Extension

Ida County

Area Drought Meeting

- Iowa State University Extension cooperated with Pioneer Seed representative from Vohs Seeds of Holstein, Bill Ortner of Danbury and Rich Uhl of Smithland to conduct two meetings on August 1, 2006 to discuss the following topics: Management of forages in drought conditions, Risk of nitrates in forages, Grain quality concerns, and Crop insurance. Quick nitrate tests were also conducted on cornstalks.

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Local Corn Producers & ISU Field Specialists Discuss Nitrate Levels



Presentations & Discussion



Results of Drought Meeting

- Severe drought conditions this summer caused Ida County to be one of more than 20 counties in Iowa declared a “disaster”. Over 100 crop and livestock producers from Ida and neighboring counties received information on managing forages during drought, assessing grain quality and crop insurance. Quick nitrate tests were performed on 19 samples brought in by local producers. Of them, 12 tested positive. All producers were advised to do follow-up testing to determine the precise nitrate concentration levels.

