

INSIDE GRUNDY COUNTY
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Can you spare about seven minutes? That is the amount of time you will need to complete the Iowa State University Extension Needs Assessment Survey located on the Grundy County Extension website: www.extension.iastate.edu/grundy in the upper right hand corner of the page. This web-based survey is one part of a needs identification process utilized by ISU Extension to identify the needs of Iowans. Iowa State University Extension is in the process of completing needs assessments for the purpose of developing programming that will serve Iowans over the next five years. With that in mind, I would like to invite and encourage you to complete the Needs Assessment Survey so ISU Extension can use your suggestions in developing future programming.

Results from the survey will be used by the Grundy county extension council and other local extension councils throughout the state to confirm needs, set priorities and identify regional issues. This information will be the basis for Iowa State University Extension's new plan of work for the years 2007 through 2011. The new plan of work will address the overall needs assessment and locally identified issues. Information provided by you will benefit all Iowans by utilizing the information to develop Extension programs and services that help Iowa residents and their communities become their best.

Please ask your family and friends to complete the survey. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the survey, including youth over the age of 12. Thank you for taking time to complete this survey.

While you are on the website, I would invite you to take time to look around and learn about all the information resources that are accessible on Grundy County Extension's website. It truly is your link to Iowa State University and beyond.

Also, I would like to let you know about a fall lawn care program that is planned for Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Grundy Center City Hall. Weather permitting, we will look at a few lawns and assess their condition and then discuss proper fall management to improve or maintain their condition to insure a healthy lawn next spring. Topics of discussion will include fall seeding of lawn grasses, fertility and disease and insect identification and control. Watch future issues of this newspaper for more details.

Please take time to go to our website and complete the needs assessment survey. Your help is greatly appreciated and is important for developing future extension programs in the county. If you have any questions, please contact the Grundy Office of ISU Extension at 319-824-6979.