



FARM AND HOME NEWS



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Iowa Soybean Rust Program

Howard County will serve as a site for the March 11, Asian soybean rust video program offered by the Iowa Soybean Rust Team. It will feature several Iowa State University (ISU) Extension experts, along with representatives from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Soybean Association. This program will give Iowa soybean producers and agricultural professionals a 'status report' on the disease and, most importantly, offer an opportunity for them to ask questions. Each expert will provide a short presentation and then answer questions. It is suggested that you submit questions via e-mail to isulink@iastate.edu or by fax to (515) 294-7767. The questions submitted ahead of time will be used to help determine the focus of the program. The video program runs from 10 a.m. to noon and there is no charge to attend. Pre-registration is required. (To pre-register contact the Howard County Extension Office by calling 563-547-3001. The show also will be available on the Web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/webcast/>. Those wishing to view it via the Web should check the Internet connection and operating system requirements at the above Web address. You are strongly encouraged to visit this site and test your system by viewing an archived program. The Asian soybean rust program will be archived and available for later viewing at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/webcast/archive.htm>. To help Iowa soybean producers prepare for Asian soybean rust, several organizations formed the Iowa Soybean Rust Team in 2003. Team members include representatives from Iowa State University, Iowa Soybean Association, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

CAREER CONFERENCES FOR GIRLS

The "Taking the Road Less Traveled" career conferences for girls will be held April 7 (grades 9-12), April 14 (grades 6-9) and April 21 (grades 6-9) on the ISU campus. The conferences provide information on career paths in science, technology, engineering and math. Registration information is online at <http://www.pwse.iastate.edu>

Attention Woman involved in agriculture

The Women, Land and Legacy will hold its second program entitled, Healthy Lives, Healthy Land on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC), Cresco Campus, Room 111. Last September over 60 women attended the first Women, Land and Legacy program. The first successful meeting gathered information from women involved in agriculture on their needs and what future programs they would like to assist them in becoming more informed. Healthy Lives, Healthy Land is one of the first interactive programs to be held. Jane Zahasky, Personal Trainer from the Cresco Fitness Center and Fran Passmore, ISU Nutrition Specialist, will provide an interactive program on how to live a healthier lifestyle. Also, learn the 10 Commandments of a Healthy Farm. Healthy snacks and refreshments will be provided. All women involved agriculture in any way are encouraged to attend this program and bring a friend. Please RSVP to 563-547-3040 if possible, space is limited.

Gardeners

Iowa State Extension held its second Horticulture Chautauqua on Saturday, February 19 at the Roseville School gymnasium from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The program was a great success with around 100 people in attendance. The morning session featured three speakers who talk about Landscape Design, Buck Roses and New & Unusual Plants for Northeast Iowa. Following lunch, participants had an opportunity to attend two smaller breakout sessions where ISU staff and friends presented a variety of topics such as Ponds, Macho Plants, Gardening for Wildlife, Guarding Against Wildlife, Daylilies, Grasses & Vines and Hardscapes. The Howard County Extension will host a number of Horticulture programs between April and November. For information about these programs call our office at 563-547-3001.

Swine Breeding Herd Management seminar March 3

ISU Extension, Iowa Pork Industry Center and Iowa Pork Producers Association are sponsoring a swine breeding herd management seminar on March 3, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm, at the Waverly Civic Center in Waverly. Pork producers who manage or own a sow herd will want to attend. Seminar topics will discuss how artificial insemination, use of real-time ultrasound, nutrition, gilt selection, and impact and opportunities of managing weaning age. The program will be at the Waverly Civic Center, 1200 1st Street N.E. A registration fee of \$30 includes lunch and materials; the meal will not be guaranteed for those not pre-registered. Contact Mark Storlie at the Fayette County Extension office 563-425-3331 or email: mstorlie@iastate.edu to register.