

CROP UPDATE 1/26/2009

Iowa State University Extension Information for Southeast Iowa

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New Bee Rule In Effect

A new bee rule designed to give better protection to Iowa's honey bees went into effect last week. In short it prohibits commercial applicators from applying pesticides toxic to bees on blooming crops within one mile of beehives during the middle of the day when bees tend to be active. It also requires beekeepers to register if they want their hives protected. The exact wording is:

- **21—45.31(206) Application of pesticides toxic to bees.**
- **45.31(1) Owners of apiaries, in order to protect their bees from pesticide applications, shall register the location of their apiaries with the state apiarist. Registration shall be on forms provided by the department. The registration expires December 31 each year and may be renewed the following year.**
- **45.31(2) Between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., a commercial applicator shall not apply to blooming crops pesticides labeled as toxic to bees when the commercial applicator is located within one mile of a registered apiary. A commercial applicator shall be responsible for maintaining the one-mile distance from apiaries that are registered and listed on the sensitive crop registry on the first day of each month.**

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**Commercial Pesticide Applicator Test Help Sessions
January 27 & March 9**

Two sessions to help prepare individuals for the commercial pesticide applicator examinations will be held in eastern Iowa. The first session will be offered in Marion in the Linn County Extension Office at 3279 7th Ave. on Tuesday, January 27. A second session will be offered on Monday, March 9 in Bettendorf in the Scott County Extension Office, 875 Tanglefoot Lane. Training will begin at 9:00 a.m. at both locations.

At both sessions, training will be offered on the core manual and categories 1A (Ag Weed), 1B (Ag Insect), 1C (Ag Diseases), 3O, T, & G (Ornamental, Turf & Greenhouse), 4 (Seed Treatment), and 6 (Right-of-Way). Training on the core manual will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Training on category 3, the ag categories, and categories 4 and 6 will begin at approximately 10:45 a.m. and conclude by about 1:00 p.m. There is a \$25 fee per person at each training session. These training sessions do NOT qualify as continuing instructional courses. Pre-registration is not necessary.

2009 Weather, Grain & Livestock Outlook Program-January 28

The 2009 crop season is just around the corner! Grain markets are volatile and input costs are at an all time high level. Iowa State university Extension in cooperation with Hills Bank & Trust, Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc., and Latta, Harris, Hanon, & Penningroth, L.L.P. are please to sponsor the 5th annual 2009 weather, grain and livestock outlook meeting in Hills, Iowa, on Wednesday, January 28, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program will be held at the Hills Community Center.

On the program this year are Dr. Elwynn Taylor to give you insight as to what we can expect in 2009 and what caused the 2008 season. Not only will you get a prediction of crop yields and weather, Dr. Taylor will also show you how to gather information to make better informed decisions.

Chad Hart, ISU Extension Economist, will provide insight into the volatile grain markets of 2008-09, the impact of the bio-economy, world grain supplies, trade conditions and potential shifts in 2009 planting intentions. Dr. Hart will provide his forecast on grain prices for 2009 and beyond.

John Lawrence, ISU Extension Economist and Director of the Iowa Beef Center, will provide a fresh perspective on production numbers, strategies that producers can use, and how to position yourself for the upcoming year. John will discuss the impact of the bio-economy on the livestock industry and the market outlook into early 2010.

To pre-register for the conference call Don Wilson, Hills Bank & Trust, 319/679-2141 or Steve Meyerholz, Eldon C Stutsman, Inc., 319/679-2281 There is no charge to attend this program and lunch will be provided courtesy of Hills Bank & Trust, Eldon C Stutsman, Inc., and Latta, Harris, Hanon & Penningroth, L.L.P.

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