Points of Interest:
Adair County Fair Board
Luncheon & Auction:
Sunday, January 27
11:00am—1:00pm
4-H & FFA Building
Adair County Fairgrounds
Greenfield, IA

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“Tools for the Future” Crop Fair
January 31, 2013
9:30 A.M (PPAT) 12:30 P.M. (Tools for the Future)
Adair County Fairgrounds – 900 Northeast Elm Street, Greenfield, Iowa

Come to Greenfield to hear from top experts about some of the newest developments in Iowa agriculture, courtesy of Advanced Ag of Creston—Pioneer, Iowa State University Extension—Adair County, Titan Machinery, Adair County Corn and Soybean Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association and Iowa Corn Promotion Board.

This free crop fair is designed to give you direct access to timely information that can help make your operation more profitable.

RSVP’s by January 21st to Janelle Kracht at 515.229.9980 or by email to jkracht@iowacorn.org

AGENDA
9:30 a.m. PPAT
Private Pesticide Applicator Training
$20 Training Fee and $15 License Renewal Fee if your license expired 12/31/12

11:30 a.m. Lunch
Free to all attendees

12:30 p.m. Program Begins

Legislative Update
Amanda Taylor, ICGA Government Relations
Senior Policy Advisor

Marketing in a Volatile Year
Dan Greder, Sciota Trading of Ames

Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy
Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture

Corn Management in a Dry Year, Lessons from 2012
Roger Elmore, Iowa State University Agronomist
Area cattlemen should mark the evening of Tuesday, January 29 on their calendars and make plans to attend the 29th Annual 4-State Beef Conference. The conference planning committee has designed an excellent program that should have something of interest for all beef producers. Topics for the 2013 conference will include “Genetic Improvement in Beef Cattle Feed Efficiency” presented by Dr. Stephanie Hansen from Iowa State University at the Lewis, IA location and by Dr. Megan VanEmon from Iowa State University at the Creston, IA location. Other topics include “Engaging Consumers in a Beef Conversation” presented by Daren Williams, Executive Director of Communications for the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, and “Beef Industry Update and Outlook” presented by Todd Kalous, Market Analyst for CattleFax. There will also be a local presentation “The Unsettling Truth About Trichomoniasis” and “Prepare Now for a Successful Calving Season” by regional beef specialists from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Chris Clark will present at the Lewis, IA location and Joe Sellers will present at the Creston, IA location. The presentations by Daren Williams and Todd Kalous will be done via webcast and other presentations will be done live.

The conference will begin at 5:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. This year there will be two locations for the conference in Iowa, one at the Armstrong Research Farm in Lewis and another at Southwestern Community College in Creston.

The 4-State Beef Conferences are designed to give beef cattle producers in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska an annual update on current cow-calf and stocker topics. The conferences provide a forum of Extension Specialists from four of the USA’s leading beef cattle land grant universities.

The registration fee is $20.00 per person and reservations are requested by Friday, January 25, 2013. The fee includes a beef meal and a copy of the conference proceedings. To keep registration fees affordable in the future, please help us by calling in your reservations. If you need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform us by January 11. For more information or to register for the conference, contact Chris Clark at 636-432-9437 or Leann Tibken at 712-769-2600. More information can also be obtained from your local county extension office, or by visiting our website at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/feci/4stbeef/.

**4 STATE BEEF CONFERENCE**

**IOWA LOCATION #1**
Armstrong Research Farm
Chris Clark 712 644-2105

**IOWA LOCATION #2**
Southwest Community College
Tim Eggers 712 542-5171

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**Overview:**
The 4-State Beef Conference is designed to provide beef cattle interests in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska a regular update on current cow-calf and stocker topics. The conference is a forum of specialists from four of the nation’s leading beef cattle land grant universities.

5:00 p.m. Genetic Improvement of Beef Cattle Feed Efficiency
Local Speaker from the US Consortium for the Genetic Improvement of Feed Efficiency in Beef Cattle
Matt Spangler, Bob Weaber, Stephanie Hansen, Megan VanEmon, Dan Loy, or Jerry Taylor

5:45 p.m. Engaging Consumers in a Beef Conversation
Daren Williams
Executive Director of Communications
National Cattlemen’s Beef Association

6:30 Dinner

7:15 pm Beef Industry Update and Outlook
Todd Kalous
Market Analyst
CattleFax

8:00 p.m. Locally Determined Topic

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**IOWA PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION** is sponsoring the 2013 IOWA PORK CONGRESS at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

**JANUARY 23.....9 am – 5 pm**

**JANUARY 24.....9 am – 4 pm**

PQAPI Plus Training – Wednesday, January 23, 10 am – 12 noon
Confinement Site Manure Applicator Training – Thursday, January 24, 10 am -12 noon
For more details go to [www.iowaporkcongress.org](http://www.iowaporkcongress.org)
How Can the NRCS Assist You

Residents of Adair County that I have not had a chance to introduce myself to, I would like to take this opportunity and let you know who I am and how I might be able to assist. On August 1st, 2011 I became the District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) serving Adair County out of the Greenfield USDA Service Center. A lifelong Iowan, I grew up in Ida Grove and spent much of my time on our family farms in O'Brien County. My interests in agriculture, hunting, camping, fishing and canoeing have one thing in common, the outdoors. Love for the outdoors lead me to Iowa State University where I gained a degree in Wildlife Biology. In the fall of 2003 I became employed with the USDA/NRCS serving as a Soil Conservation Technician in Boone County. From Boone my career has taken me to the Winterset, Mt Ayr and now Greenfield field offices.

I am excited to serve the Adair County community as District Conservationist. Crop and Livestock production in Adair County is pivotal to the livelihood here, and it is my job to assist landowners and agricultural producers with information and services that promote the sustainability of that production while minimizing negative impacts to our natural resources.

At this time our office is focusing efforts on processing applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). The EQIP program is designed to provide cost share dollars to producers for implementing conservation practices. There are many eligible practices that are included in the EQIP program. From the common practices such as terraces and waterways in cropland to newer practices such as high tunnel buildings for vegetable production, roof structures for cattle feedlots, cover crops and prairie restoration to name a few. Although EQIP covers a broad spectrum of conservation practices we do focus our efforts on livestock production and certainly pasture improvements. Current drought conditions have highlighted water needs in some pastures. If your pasture is in need of water, please come talk to us and we can discuss the possibilities of getting water to your pasture through the use of the EQIP program.

The CSP program is designed to reward farmers for past conservation efforts and to encourage the adoption of new conservation practices. Through the CSP program qualifying farmers receive an annual payment based on their conservation efforts. Please feel free to contact me so that I can provide you the details of the CSP program. No matter what your conservation needs or goals are, I would like to have the opportunity to discuss how our field office might be of assistance to you.

Alan Lange
District Conservationist, Adair County
705 NE 6th St, Greenfield

“Garden Bounty” 2013 Garden Calendar $6

CELEBRATE GARDEN BOUNTY, whether it's an herb windowsill garden in winter, the first peas of spring, or brimming baskets of fruit and veggies in summer and fall.

This calendar offers homegrown beauty, local places to enjoy food festivals, monthly garden tips, and ideas to enjoy and preserve garden produce. Keep one for your garden journal.

Order yours by contacting the Extension office 641-743-8412.
2013 Cornbelt Cow-Calf Conference
Offers Options, Opportunities

A full day of information awaits the attendees of the 2013 Cornbelt Cow-Calf Conference at Bridge View Center in Ottumwa on Jan. 19. From the welcome at 9:30 a.m. through the final breakout session ending about 4 p.m., people will find knowledge and value in every aspect of the day, and that’s the goal according to Iowa State University Extension and Outreach beef program specialist Byron Leu.

“The Cornbelt Cow-Calf Conference has been, and will continue to be, successful because it provides information and access to speakers that beef producers have come to expect,” Leu said. “The steering committee has put together a program with information people need to prepare for the coming year.”

This year’s program focuses on topics designed to offer producers valuable information to put into practice on their farms.

“Past NCBA president Steve Foglesong will talk about one man’s perspective on learning from past experiences, Rick Rasby from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will present information on confinement feeding of beef cattle, and Glynn Tonsor from Kansas State University and Lee Schulz from Iowa State will provide a look into the future of the cattle industry,” Leu said. “Other speakers include Andrew Hansen from John Deere Ottumwa Works, Wyaconda, Mo., producer Kenneth Suter and Iowa Beef Center director Dan Loy from Iowa State.”

There also are two panel discussions with individual focus on water-related topics and forage alternatives. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The official welcome is at 9:30 a.m. followed by two general session speakers, and lunch and exhibit viewing. The afternoon begins with a salute to Al Seim and a general session speaker in the auditorium, followed by two break-out sessions with five choices. Admission is $15, which includes lunch and a copy of the conference proceedings. No preregistration is necessary. Review and download the conference brochure at www.iowabeefcenter.org/events/2013CCCC.pdf.

The Iowa Beef Center was established in 1996 with the goal of supporting the growth and vitality of the state’s beef cattle industry. It comprises faculty and staff from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and College of Veterinary Medicine, and works to develop and deliver the latest research-based information regarding the beef cattle industry. For more information about IBC, visit www.iowabeefcenter.org.

WEST CENTRAL IOWA BEEF CATTLE FORUM

JANUARY 23, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
American Legion Hall
210 West Head Street
Arcadia, IA

Stephen Pollard, EPA CAFO Compliance & Enforcement Coordinator - EPA Surveillance and Common Problems Discovered on Beef Farms

Matt Deppe, Iowa Cattlemen’s Assn CEO - ICA Updates

Dan Loy, ISU Extension Beef Specialist and Director of the Iowa Beef Center – Nutrition Information Including Protein Supplementation and corn stalk treatment

Shane Ellis, Livestock Economist and ISU Extension Farm Management Specialist – Market Update/Outlook

No charge if your reservation is made by January 17th
Call 800-888-1730 for more information and reservations

SOFA XIX
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Speak Out For Agriculture XIX (or 19) Planning Committee met twice in December. At the initial meeting we reviewed 2012 and chose focus areas for 2013. SOFA XIX will focus on promotion, legislative issues and a career based overnight trip. Committee members formed interest area research teams for the June trip. The group investigated stops related to Livestock; Businesses; Manufacturing; and Universities and Community Colleges in Eastern Iowa, Illinois and the Chicago area.

At the December 30 meeting team members worked on sound bites relating to manufacturing, grain and livestock production and wind energy. They will be used in a promotional video the group is working on.

We have added two new members to the team Joey Huntington (Adair County) and Jessica Aupperle (Cass County). Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 20 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Adair County Extension office.

Thank you to businesses and individuals who have generously given to support the SOFA program.
A listing of local scholarships can be found on our website http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/4h (Scroll down to ‘Scholarships’)

January 15 – ISU College of Ag and Life Sciences
Apply on-line at http://www.ag.iastate.edu/scholarships/freshman/

January 16 – Adair County Cattlemen Scholarship
Parent must be member for two years, including current year.

January 16 - Adair County Pork Producers Scholarship
Parent must be member for two years, including current year.

*Applications available at the Extension office or http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/4h (Scroll down to ‘Scholarships’)

Graduating seniors and current college students should check out the State 4-H Scholarships http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm The deadline for application is March 1st.

West Central Cooperative Scholarship
Parent must be member.
Applicant must pursue a career in agriculture or enter an ag-related field at any accredited junior college, college or university.

Applications are available at the Extension office or online http://www.westcentral.com/about/corporate-stewardship/scholarships/
Application due February 1, 2013.

Hixson Scholarship – Iowa State University
Go to the following website for criteria and application.
Apply online at http://www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application/
Application due February 1, 2013.

Iowa Corn Growers Association – Future of Ag Scholarship
Parent must be ICGA member.
Applicant must pursue a career in agriculture or enter an ag-related field at any accredited junior college, college or university.

Applications are available at the Extension Office or online http://www.iowacorn.org Click on Leadership – ICGA Future of Ag Scholarship Application due February 1, 2013

MANAGING THROUGH STRESS
LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Iowa Farm Bureau and ISU Extension and Outreach are teaming up to deliver current market and management information to Iowa livestock farmers in these challenging times. The “Managing Through Stress: A Livestock Information Event” will be held Monday, February 4.

“This information is vital for Iowa farmers right now because they are making 2013 livestock business decisions and there is a lot on the table for them,” says Ed Kordick, IFBF commodity services manager. “Those who come to the ‘Managing Through Stress’ event can hear nationally-noted experts give advice on a variety of issues, including the looming feed supply and 2013 costs.”

The event starts at 10:00 a.m. with a morning general session that will be delivered to 14 sites throughout the state via Internet. Morning presentations include: 2013 Feed Price Outlook/Strategies with Dr. Chad Hart, 2013 Livestock Price Outlook/Strategies with Dr. Lee Schultz and Weather Outlook with Dr. Elwynn Taylor. In addition, Dr. Mike Rosmann will talk about watching for human stress.

After lunch, Chris Clarke, ISU E&O Beef Specialist, will host the meeting at the Guthrie County Extension Office, 212 State Street, Guthrie Center. The seminar is free and no registration is required.
Crop Advantage brings the latest crop production information from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to a location near you each January. Presentation includes key statewide topics as well as a program developed by ISU field agronomists specifically for your region.

Iowa private pesticide applicator? We have you covered. Attendance at a Crop Advantage meeting qualifies for continuing education for recertification (added fee applies).

Certified Crop Adviser? Each location is also approved for CCA continuing education credits. Check location programs for specific credit offerings. Additional fee applies for credits.

REGISTRATION
Fee $45 — Additional fees apply for pesticide applicator recertification and CCA credits.
To obtain applicator recertification you must attend the entire meeting. Registration includes refreshments, lunch and a copy of the Crop Advantage proceedings booklet.

VISIT
www.cropadvantage.org - to learn more and register

Program

8:00  Registration opens

8:30  Phosphorus and potassium testing and management for 2013
      Antonio Mallarino, Extension soil fertility and nutrient management specialist (NM)

9:20  New herbicides and carryover biology of herbicides
      Mike Owen, Extension weed specialist (PM)

10:10 Break

10:20  Nitrogen management for 2013
      John Sawyer, Extension soil fertility specialist (NM)

11:10  Iowa spring 2013 outlook—The Pacific watch
       Bryce Andersen, DTN agricultural meteorologist (CM)

12:00  Lunch (provided)

1:00  Corn rootworm management
      Erin Hodgson, Extension entomologist (PM)

1:50  Iowa’s nutrient reduction strategy: Science assessment
      Matt Helmers, Extension agricultural engineer (NM)

2:40  Break

2:50  Crop market outlook for 2013
      Chad Hart, assistant professor, Economics (CM)

3:40  Private pesticide applicator continuing instruction course.
      Aaron Saeugling, Extension field agronomist

4:30  Meeting adjourns

Hosted by your Iowa State University Extension field agronomists.
Knowledge in every field.

Partial funding by the soybean checkoff. Printing of the 2013 Crop Advantage proceedings sponsored by the Iowa Soybean Association.
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