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Meeting Update Issue
To help with the busy winter meeting season, here is an update of the upcoming meetings that will be offered within the next couple of months from ISU extension. Wishing all a Wonderful Holiday Season.

2018 Fall Crop and Conservation Roundup
December 7, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Bremer County Extension Office in Tripoli
Free and open to the public, please call the Bremer Cty. Ext. Office to let them know you’d like to attend. Phone: 319-882-4275
Topics Include:
- 2018 Crops – comments by local farmers and ISU Agronomist, Terry Basol
- NRCS programs...and “What to do with those Wet Spots”, Chad Gilles
- 2018 Fall Cornstalk Nitrate Results from 24 area farms, plus Bremer stream sampling, Ron Lenth, Bremer County Program Coordinator
- Update from NE IA Research Farm, ISU Agronomist, Terry Basol

Ag Chemical Dealer Updates (Iowa City & Ames)
Meetings review the lessons of the 2018 growing season and prepare seed, chemical and fertilizer retailers, crop consultants, farm managers and agronomists for the challenges of the 2019 cropping year. Meetings are approved Certified Crop Adviser continuing education credits and commercial pesticide applicator recertification (categories 1A, 1B, 1C and 10) for calendar year 2018.

Iowa City
Registration 8:30 am, program 9:00 am – 3:45 pm
Clarion Highlander Hotel and Conference Center
Highway 1 and I-80 exit 246, Iowa City, Iowa
For more information & registration go to: http://www.aep.iastate.edu/acu/facity.html
Ames

Registration 9:00 am, program 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Quality Inn and Suites Starlite Village
2601 East 13th Street, Ames, Iowa
For more information & registration go to: http://www.aep.iastate.edu/acu/ames.html

2019 Crop Advantage Series

Making smart decisions
Crop Advantage meetings provide a solid foundation of current, research-based crop production information to help make smart, informed decisions for the farming operation. Each location features topics selected for your fields and your growing conditions.

- Private pesticide applicator recertification and CCA credits included in registration
- For more information and to register please go to: http://www.aep.iastate.edu/cas/index.html
Private Pesticide Applicator Meetings

Here is a list of my private pesticide applicator meetings that I have scheduled through the end of January. To see the rest of the meetings that are scheduled through the end of March, please see the pdf document attached titled: PAT meetings by month 2018 - 2019. In case of inclement weather, please call the respective County Extension Office hosting the program to check for any changes. Also, it’s helpful to call the County Extension Office to preregister in order to aid in planning.

December
December 18, 9:30 a.m. Community Center, Riceville
December 20, 1:30 p.m. Enrichment Center - Floyd County Fairgrounds

January
Jan. 7, 1:30 p.m. Tama Hall (Hawkeye Community College), Waterloo
Jan. 8, 9:30 a.m. VFW, Osage
Jan. 9, 9:30 a.m. Borlaug Learning Center (NE IA Research & Demonstration Farm), Nashua
Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m. Waverly Civic Center, Waverly
Jan. 11, All Day North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC), Mason City (Part of the Crop Advantage Series Meeting - pesticide applicators need to attend the whole event to meet certification requirements) Click on the link at the bottom of p. 2 in the Crop Advantage Series section to preregister.
Jan. 15 9:30 a.m. Grundy Center Community Center, Grundy Center
Jan. 17 All Day Tama Hall (Hawkeye Community College), Waterloo (Part of the Crop Advantage Series Meeting - pesticide applicators need to attend the whole event to meet certification requirements) Click on the link at the bottom of p. 2 in the Crop Advantage Series section to preregister.
Jan. 23 1:30 p.m. Christian Reformed Church, Parkersburg
Jan. 24 1:30 p.m. Bremer County Extension Office, Tripoli
Jan. 24 7:00 p.m. Bremer County Extension Office, Tripoli
Jan. 29 1:30 p.m. Heartland Acres Event Center, Independence
Jan. 31 1:30 p.m. New Hampton Community Center, New Hampton
Jan. 31 7:00 p.m. New Hampton Community Center, New Hampton

Driftless Region Beef Conference
January 24 - 25th, Dubuque IA
Grand River Center, 500 Bell St., Dubuque IA
Extension specialists in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin are again cooperating to present the 7th annual Driftless Region Beef Conference at the Grand River Convention Center in Dubuque, Iowa on January 24 and 25, 2019. This conference brings together beef producers for an educational program that focuses on the needs of this production region. Select from 8 different workshop topics to develop a customized program. For more information about this event and to register, please go to: http://www.aep.iastate.edu/beef/index.html

Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management Short Course
February 19-20, Ames, Iowa
Hilton Garden Inn, 1325 Dickinson Ave, Ames, IA 50014
Registration check-in 8:30 AM, February 19. Program begins at 9:00 AM February 19 and concludes at 4:00 PM on February 20. An in-depth two-day course focused on understanding the principles of soils, soil fertility, and nutrient management for Iowa crop production. For information including topics covered and registration, please go to: http://www.aep.iastate.edu/soil/index.html