Pat,

Heidi is back in the office, so this release is a bit more readable and specific.

Like I said last week, I would appreciate your attendance at the initial meeting in either Shenandoah or Clarinda if it fits your schedule.

I received an email on Friday of last week from John Lawrence that mentioned a paper Chad Wellhausen had written regarding the Precision Beef Alliance. I think the paper would be of interest to folks in southwest Iowa since PBA was a southwest Iowa creation. With a local boy, Chad, writing a paper about how a local business, PBA, with local shareholders, many of the farmers who read your paper, it seems like a natural story.

I have attached the paper. John is a contact person (jdlaw@iastate.edu) 515-294-6290. Chad's email and phone are (chadwell@iastate.edu) 515-294-3656.

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Financial Decision Making Course for Women Managing Farm Budgets Starts May 29 and 30

The first meeting of Financial Decision Making for Women Managing Farm Budgets for West Page County will be held from 12-1 pm on Wednesday May, 29 at the Safety Center (Fire Station) on Sheridan Avenue in Shenandoah. The first meeting for East Page County will be held from 12-1 pm on Thursday, May 30 at the Extension Service office at 311 East Washington in Clarinda. The meetings will be brown bag lunches. At the first meeting, participants will shape the curricula for following sessions based on their interests.

The lunches will include a 35-minute lecture by local ag professionals, such as Jolene Fechter, Page County Farm Service Agency Director, followed by a question-and-answer period. Participants will be given exercises that they can submit via the Financial Decision Making on line course. Group interaction between the meetings will be encouraged with email communications and electronic chats.


The goal of Financial Decision Making for Women Managing Farm Budgets is for rural women to gain confidence in making farm financial decisions in a comfortable learning environment. The end product will be a complete set of farm financial statements.

For more information about the course contact the Page county extension office or visit the Web site http://www.extension.iastate.edu/feci/FDM/.

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The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education. -- Einstein